

CLEANER, GREENER TRUCKS: WASTE MANAGEMENT LAUNCHES COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS FLEET IN VENTURA COUNTY

June 6, 2012, Simi Valley, Calif. - Waste Management GI Industries is operating cleaner and greener with the addition of 23 new Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) waste collection vehicles to its fleet in Ventura County.

These next generation CNG waste collection vehicles boasts several benefits: The CNG engines are 50% quieter than comparable diesel engines and emit 95% less particulate matter (PM) also known as soot and 90% less carbon monoxide (CO) than their diesel counterparts. They are also cleaner burning than "low sulfur" diesel engines.

"Waste Management is committed to lead the waste industry with advanced technology that will foster a cleaner, greener world," said Mike Smith, director of operations for Waste Management of Ventura County. "The investment in these CNG vehicles is one more step towards improving air quality and meeting the growing needs of the cities and customers we serve."

The implementation of CNG collection vehicles was made feasible with the assistance of both the City of Thousand Oaks Transit Yard and City of Simi Valley's Bus Transit CNG fueling stations, where the trucks are currently being fueled.

"We are fortunate to have great community partners like the cities of Thousand Oaks and Simi Valley who understand the importance of supporting sustainable practices in their communities. These collaborative efforts with Waste Management will not only help protect our environment, but is the right thing to do," added Smith.

The addition of alternative fuel vehicles in Ventura County is part of Waste Management's commitment to a larger corporate sustainability goal of reducing fleet emissions by 15 percent and increasing fuel efficiency by 15 percent by 2020.

Waste Management already operates more than 1,400 CNG vehicles in North America, which is the largest fleet of CNG recycling and collection trucks on the continent. Locally, Waste Management operates 58 percent of its fleet on alternative fuel vehicles, including Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) and CNG.

Each class 8 diesel truck replaced with a natural gas vehicle reduces diesel use by an average of 8,000 gallons per year and cuts annual greenhouse gas emissions by an average of 22 metric tons.

How can you tell what a CNG truck looks like? Just look for the "Think Green Think Clean" sign on the side of the collection vehicle.

For more information, please contact customer service at (805) 522-9400 or visit www.KeepingVenturaCountyClean.com.