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## Illinois Drives to Top 10 in Green Fleets

Illinois has moved into the top 10 among all the alternative-fueled fleets in the US - among private and government fleets combined. The honor reflects CMS' success in incorporating into the State's fleet thousands of cars and trucks that can run on 5% biodiesel fuel (made partly from soybeans) and E85 ethanol (85% ethanol, which is made from corn) - so-called Flexible Fuel Vehicles, or FFVs.

The Top 10 green fleet recognition comes from the October 2007 edition of *Automotive Fleet Magazine*. The Illinois fleet managed by CMS moved up from 14th place in last year's ranking.

Every year, the magazine ranks private- and public-sector motor vehicle fleets based on how their operations help lead the advancement and use of cleaner-burning and more efficient biofuels and technology. In Illinois' case, the CMS Division of Vehicles has:

- o Added more than 5,000 flex-fuel cars and trucks (41% of the fleet) that can run on E85 or 5% biodiesel
- o Doubled the fleet's consumption of these homegrown, renewable biofuels
- o Assisted efforts to increase more than ten-fold the number of Illinois gas stations that sell E85 to the driving public - from 14 in 2004 to more than 150 today
- o Created a State fleet that is nearly 20% FFV/E85 - among the largest of its kind in the nation

This summer, Illinois received four Ford E85 Escape Hybrids - the world's first hybrid electric-gas vehicle capable of running on blends of fuel containing up to 85% ethanol (E85).

CMS is also working to increase the fleet's use of soy-based fuel. Thousands of State fleet State trucks have long used a 2% biodiesel blend - containing 2% soybean oil. This month, State vendors began supplying 5% biodiesel blend for the more than 2,700 trucks that can run on this biofuel.

Illinois is the leading producer of soybeans and the number two producer of corn in the US - so we are well-positioned to take the lead in the production of biofuels. The goal of the effort, as directed by Governor Blagojevich, is multi-fold: to support jobs, reduce use of foreign oil, make us more energy independent, and cut emissions of greenhouse gases.

Because of CMS' success in adding flex-fuel cars and trucks to the State's fleet, the fuel they run on is increasingly green - biofuels now represent a record 25% of the fleet's fuel consumption. To date, State drivers have replaced more than a quarter-million gallons of regular gasoline with E85, cutting emissions of heat-trapping carbon dioxide by an estimated 271,000 kilograms - a whopping 300 tons.

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In 2007, the Illinois fleet was ranked in the top 100 Public Sector Fleets by *Government Fleet* magazine as well as in the Top 100 Alternative-Fueled Fleets (among both public and private sectors nationwide) by Ford Motor Company.

“Investing in ethanol is critical for our national security, our environment, and Illinois' economy. This E85 Escape Hybrid is an exciting combination of new technology and cleaner burning ethanol.”  
- Steve Ruh, President, Illinois Corn Growers Association

The pioneering hybrid FFVs use less fuel, produce fewer emissions, and run on home-grown ethanol.