DEP Local Law Air Reports for Fleet

On March 7, DEP released its Local Law Air Reports for Fiscal Year 2016. These reports update on the City fleet’s compliance with various environmental local laws.

Through Local Law 38 of 2005, NYC Fleet has been required to purchase the most fuel efficient vehicles for light and medium duty non-emergency units and to report on the manufacturer listed fuel economy for these units. The Local Law 38 report provides a fleet equivalent of Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) Standards at the federal level. These standards are under review nationally and currently call for new light and medium duty units to achieve 54.5 average MPG by 2025. Through purchase of electric, hybrid, and other fuel efficient vehicles, NYC Fleet was able to exceed the 2025 CAFE goal in FY16, ten years early, showing that these critical and ambitious targets are achievable.

DEP also reported on compliance with Local Law 73 of 2013 which requires both biodiesel use in the City fleet and also that, by Jan. 1, 2017, 90% of City on-road trucks use at least a 2007 Federally compliant emissions system, referred to as a diesel particulate filter (DPF). Through a combination of new vehicle replacements and retrofits, NYC Fleet met that commitment.

Thanks to everyone at DEP, DCAS Fleet, and the fleet agencies for many years of critical work on these important and continuing environmental efforts.

Current Federal CAFE Standards, 2025 Goal
54.5 MPG

NYC Fleet Local Law 38 FY16 Fuel Economy
55 MPG

Fleet Spotlight: Florence Green Zelaya of DDC

The NYC Department of Design & Construction (DDC) is the City’s primary capital construction project manager for building or renovating firehouses, libraries, police precincts, courthouses, senior centers, and other civic facilities. DDC also delivers roadway, sewer, and water main construction projects citywide. Our Women’s History Month spotlight is on Florence Green Zelaya of DDC this week. Florence is Deputy Director of Operations Management and has been with the agency for 21 years. Prior to DDC, she worked at DEP for 10 years as well. Florence helps oversee the DDC fleet of over 150 vehicles that enable construction managers, engineers, architects, and building inspectors get to their work sites.

Florence works out of DDC headquarters at 30-30 Thompson Avenue, and is highly involved in acquisitions, repairs, and inspections for the fleet. She also oversees the stock room and handles all fleet record keeping. Nearly the entire fleet is now alternative fuel including Toyota Priuses, Toyota RAV4 hybrids, Ford Fusion hybrids, and Honda Civic hybrids. DDC is also running a group of all-electric Nissan Leafs, with more electric vehicles and chargers, including solar carports, to be acquired in the near future. Florence also worked in fleet services during her time at DEP with additional roles in storehouse management and budgeting. She has served as Shop Steward for Local 1180 at both agencies.

Florence was born and raised in the Bronx and her father was an auto mechanic who specialized in transmissions. In her spare time, Florence builds and refurbishes furniture, paints, works on her own car, or “learning and exploring new skills, and anything else using my hands that’s creative.” We congratulate Florence for 31 years of service in fleet at two different agencies.