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DCAS ANNOUNCES RENEWABLE DIESEL PROGRAM

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DCAS today announced it had finalized a demonstration contract with Sprague Energy and the Renewable Energy Group (REG) to supply 900,000 gallons of renewable diesel fuel for the City fleet. City trucks from Sanitation, Parks, DOT, DEP and other agencies will begin use of the sustainable fuel this May and will use the fuel through October or until this initial supply lasts.

NYC has long been a leader in biodiesel implementation in City fleet units and City buildings. Renewable diesel takes these efforts to a new phase. Like biodiesel, renewable diesel (RD) is produced from plant products and animal fats and is not a fossil fuel. Like biodiesel, RD reduces greenhouse gas emissions over 60% and also reduces tailpipe pollution. RD is manufactured to the same specification as regular diesel, however, and avoids some of the cold weather and materials compatibility issues that must be addressed with higher blends of biodiesel. In fact, we will be implementing RD99, an almost complete replacement of regular fossil diesel.

RD is mostly used in California today. San Francisco has adopted RD for their entire fleet of vehicles including emergency services. As part of our demonstration contract, we want to establish that RD is a viable operational fuel for our City fleet. We also want to begin developing a larger industry and supply of the fuel on the East Coast.

As part of that effort, DCAS made the announcement at our first Biofuels Forum, hosted by DCAS and NYC Parks at the Prospect Park Picnic House. Industry leaders from across the country came to discuss the state of the renewable fuels industry and to partner with NYC on this important effort.

Thanks to the California Air Resources Board, City of San Francisco, National Biodiesel Board, Calstart, Iowa DOT, Port Authority of NY/NJ, Union of Concerned Scientists, Prospect Park Alliance, and everyone who participated in the forum. Many thanks to FDNY Fire Prevention, DEP Air Quality, DCAS Procurement and Legal, and our partner fleet agencies for their work on this exciting and promising initiative. The event materials will be posted online.

FLEET SPOTLIGHT: DENNIS JIMENEZ, HRA

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This week, the fleet spotlight turns to Dennis Jimenez, Director of Fleet Administration for the Human Resources Administration (HRA). Dennis currently works out of the Police Operations Office at HRA, located in downtown Manhattan.

Dennis manages day to day operations for HRA's fleet of 211 vehicles which is comprised of sedans, SUVs, vans, and outreach units. HRA also manages the new ID NYC Command Center announced by Mayor de Blasio in March 2017. This unit is helping to conveniently sign up New Yorkers citywide for ID NYC and also serves as a backup emergency resource.

HRA has 585 authorized drivers and Dennis has led Vision Zero efforts to improve driving safety. HRA has been a model fleet in scheduling safety training, completing rules compliance on ESS, and promoting safe behavior. Collisions at HRA have declined 38% from 84 in 2014 to 52 in 2017. We are looking forward to working with Dennis on additional initiatives including the upgrade of our telematics system.

Dennis began with HRA as a Motor Vehicle Operator (MVO) in 1995 and has served 22 years with the City. Reflecting on his career, Dennis stated "The people I work with are like family. I cherish the camaraderie I share with my fellow workers no matter what position they hold."

Dennis graduated from Seward Park High School in Manhattan. Prior to his City employment, he worked as a tool machinist. Dennis is a proud father of Dennis and Aizel and loves being recognized by his kids as number one Dad and Grandad. Dennis resides in the Lower Eastside of Manhattan where he recently moved from Queens.

Thanks Dennis for all your partnership and keep it up.

