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OES to convert to CNG vehicles

Compressed natural gas vehicles are continuing to make an impact in the state of Oklahoma.

Oklahoma Environmental Services, an Oklahoma City-based environmental consulting firm, recently became one of a growing list of companies — many of whom are OIPA members — to convert its field truck fleet to CNG.

Increasing the use of CNG vehicles is a key part of Gov. Mary Fallin's energy plan for the state. By converting to CNG, OES and like businesses are supporting the state where they produce.

"We converted three vehicles this year and found we can still do the same quality work at a lower transportation cost," said OES President Deanna Atkinson. "The current rate of CNG is less than a dollar, and compared to gasoline that is inching closer and closer to four dollars, it just made sense."



Oklahoma City-based consulting firm Oklahoma Environmental Services recently converted its truck fleet to CNG.

OES works as a third-party liaison between the regulatory authorities and energy companies and aids in remediation of soil and ground water, if necessary. OES technicians are constantly traveling around the state monitoring sites, so the mileage and gasoline costs quickly add up, Atkinson said.

By converting its field trucks to CNG, OES is expecting to save about 70 percent of its annual fuel cost. While converting

vehicles is not a cheap endeavor, Atkinson said she believes natural gas is a great resource more should be taking advantage of and could be a tool to help the economy grow.

"We're very happy with the CNG vehicles," Atkinson said. "It has been a good deal for us to convert them. With the sheer supply of natural gas available in the U.S., it has the potential to kick-start our economy — I definitely want to be a part of that."

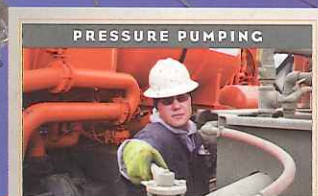
OES has converted three field trucks to CNG this year and is expecting to convert four vehicles every year until the entire fleet is converted.

"Due to the nature of the business, we are leaving a large carbon footprint because of how many miles we drive each year," Atkinson said. "This is the right step for our company moving toward sustainability and supporting the American economy." ♦

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