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MAYOR DE BLASIO SIGNS NEW BIODIESEL BILLS

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On January 8, 2018 Mayor Bill de Blasio signed a series of new environmental laws aimed at further improving our City's air quality and reducing greenhouse gasses. Among these were bills that launch formal efforts to expand the use of biodiesel to City school busses and marine ferries.

Local Law 28 of 2018 was sponsored by Council Members Rosenthal, Richards, Constantinides, Koo, and Rose and calls for DCAS and the Department of Education to work together to assess opportunities to expand biodiesel use to the City's private school busses. The agencies will survey the current fueling practices among current City school bus companies and assess options for increasing access to biodiesel supplies in the private marketplace including retail fuel stations.

NYC currently uses biodiesel in all its trucks at agencies including Sanitation, Parks, Police, Correction, Fire, Transportation, and Environmental Protection. The City has a large in-house fueling capacity for managing biodiesel distribution. Increasing availability of biodiesel blends for private school bus companies will be a focus of the required study.

Local Law 27 of 2018 calls for a similar effort focused on the City's fleet of passenger ferries. DOT will coordinate this effort.

Biofuels are critical to our NYC Clean Fleet initiative and we look forward to pushing the envelope to increase adoption.



AGENCIES WORK TOGETHER TO FUEL SCHOOLS, FACILITIES

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Following Hurricane Sandy, NYC implemented an equipment resiliency initiative to increase our fleet of emergency related equipment such as light towers, generators, and water pumps. As part of this initiative, DCAS also doubled the City's fleet of fuel trucks.

This week, our emergency fuel plan got put to the test. Due to the extended cold spell, the winter storm, and the requirement for facilities to interrupt natural gas and use backup oil tanks, the City's fuel vendor reported a major backlog in deliveries and asked for help.

City agencies including DSNY, FDNY, DOT, NYPD, DCAS and OEM answered the call.

With little notice, agencies completed over 70 deliveries on Sunday, January 7 keeping the heat on at City schools and fuel running to emergency response vehicles.

As shown in the caption, our DCAS fuel truck alone deployed to all five boroughs during the day on January 7. Agencies continued to work together to provide 24 hour per day fueling support throughout the week.

We want to thank all the agencies and staff who went beyond the call to support their fellow agencies and the Department of Education. This was really the best of fleet on display!

