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Petroleum displacement in 2011 earns Tucson Clean Cities national recognition
Tucson Regional Clean Cities Coalition members used more than 17.5 million gallons of ethanol (E85) in 2011 and avoided 25,014.8 tons of greenhouse gas emissions in Pima County as a result.

The Coalition earned top recognition at the 2012 Clean Cities Peer Exchange and Vehicle Technology Deployment Workshop, held this fall in Estes Park, Colo., for greatest petroleum displacement among other Clean Cities programs.

The role of Clean Cities is to advance the economic, environmental and energy security of the United States by adopting practices that contribute to the reduction of petroleum use in the transportation sector.

Robert White, director of market development for the Renewable Fuels Association, congratulated Tucson Clean Cities Coordinator Colleen Crowninshield for her dedication and hard work in leading the Coalition.

“The DOE’s Clean Cities Program has been instrumental in expanding the use of alternative fuels and decreasing our dependency on foreign oil,” White said. “The efforts of coordinators like Colleen highlight the impact to the ethanol industry, but also to consumers and fleets across the country. It also stresses the importance of infrastructure development nationwide, as the most successful Coalition with E85 is not from the Midwest, it is from Tucson, Arizona.”

Crowninshield, manager of Tucson Clean Cities, a program of Pima Association of Governments, said this is a significant achievement for the Tucson region. “We are proud of our coalition members and the strides they are taking to help us reduce America’s dependence on fossil fuels and secure our energy sources.”

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The Tucson Clean Cities program was designated by the U.S. Department of Energy in 1998 and has more than 80 coalition members. The U.S. Department of Energy recently redesignated the Tucson Clean Cities program for another three years.

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Clean Cities is a voluntary program of the U.S. Department of Energy to expand the use of alternatives to gasoline and diesel fuel, accelerate the use of alternative fuel vehicles and build a local refueling infrastructure for these vehicles.

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