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Grants & Loans Awarded to Expand Natural Gas in Utah

Salt Lake City, Utah – Natural Gas usage is expanding in Utah thanks to a combination of grants and loans the Department of Environmental Quality’s Division of Air Quality (DAQ) awarded to several entities, including Salt Lake City and the University of Utah.

DAQ announced today it has awarded a total of \$249,500 in grants and another \$250,000 in loans from the Clean Fuels Grant and Loan Program to help seven entities purchase natural gas vehicles or add refueling stations along the Wasatch Front.

“I’m very pleased to be able to provide businesses, governments and the University of Utah with funding to expand our capacity to provide Natural Gas in Utah,” said Amanda Smith, executive director of the Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). “This program contributes to the Division of Air Quality’s on-going effort to encourage cleaner transportation choices that will lead to better air quality.”

Those awarded the following grants are:

Salt Lake City, \$82,500, to purchase three Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) refuse trucks;
University of Utah Commuter Services, \$32,000, to purchase two CNG transit buses;
ACE Disposal, \$55,000, to purchase six CNG refuse haulers;
Semi Service \$55,000 for a refueling station; and
Kennecott Utah Copper, \$25,000, to convert five vehicles to CNG.

Those awarded the following loans are:

Semi Service, \$48,000 to convert eight vehicles to CNG and another \$52,000 for a refueling station;
Uintah Gas Fireplaces & BBQs, \$50,000, for a refueling station.

Other possible awards are under review and may be announced at a later date.

For more information, visit: www.cleanfuels.utah.gov.

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