

"OIL VULNERABILITY" STATE RANKINGS

The third annual national study by the Natural Resources Defense Council has ranked states based on the vulnerability of drivers and consumers to rising oil prices, as well as implementation of clean-energy transportation programs. As families struggle to make ends meet in their household budgets, the report shows the increased risks people face due to changing oil prices. The report has important implications for energy and climate legislation currently moving through Congress.

"Especially with today's economic challenges, Americans face a growing threat from our nation's dangerous addiction to oil," said Deron Lovaas, NRDC's transportation policy director. "This report shows how important it is for states to promote clean energy policies that will reduce our dependence on oil, while also reducing global warming pollution."

The report, *Fighting Oil Addiction: Ranking States' Oil Vulnerability and Solutions for Change*, details how oil prices impact consumers and ways in which smart policies can help break states' addiction to oil.

MOST VULNERABLE: According to the report, the top 10 states most vulnerable to oil price increases are:

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| 1 Mississippi | 2 Montana |
| 3 South Carolina | 4 Oklahoma |
| 5 Louisiana | 6 Kentucky |
| 7 Texas | 8 New Mexico |
| 9 Georgia | 10 Arkansas |

MOST ACTIVE: States doing the most to promote clean energy technologies and reduce dependence on oil are:

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| 1 California | 2 Massachusetts |
| 3 Washington | 4 New Mexico |
| 5 Connecticut | 6 New York |
| 7 New Jersey | 8 Pennsylvania |
| 9 Oregon | 10 Florida |

The report first calculates oil vulnerability—how heavily each state's drivers are affected by increases in oil prices. Second, it ranks states on their adoption of solutions to reduce their oil dependence—measures they are taking to lessen their vulnerability and to bolster America's security. The report also shows that by promoting clean vehicle and fuel technologies as well as transportation alternatives states can reduce oil dependence. These measures can, in turn, create clean energy jobs, reduce vulnerability to fuel price hikes, and lessen air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

Lovaas added, "The Federal government can step in to help states break their addiction to oil by implementing comprehensive clean energy and climate policies and by reforming our national transportation system through an overhauled, performance-driven transportation policy."

The Natural Resources Defense Council is a national nonprofit organization of scientists, lawyers and environmental specialists dedicated to protecting public health and the environment. Founded in 1970, NRDC has 1.2 million members and online activists, with offices in New York, Washington, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Beijing.

The full report, with state-by-state rankings, can be accessed at: www.nrdc.org/energy/states/



ARIZONA COMPANY WINS GRANT FOR LARGEST TRANSPORTATION ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT IN US HISTORY

Phoenix-based Electric Transportation Engineering Corporation (eTec), a subsidiary of ECOtality, Inc. (OTCBB: ETL), a leader in the research, development and testing of advanced transportation and energy systems, has been selected by the US Department of Energy to implement the largest transportation electrification project in US history through a \$99.8 million grant.

eTec, the lead applicant on the proposal submitted to the US Department of Energy, is partnering with Nissan North America on a Project to deploy up to 5,000 electric vehicles (EVs) and charging infrastructure in five markets and will develop, implement and study techniques for optimizing the effectiveness of charge infrastructure supporting widespread EV deployment. In Arizona, the Phoenix and Tucson regions have been selected as target markets for this Project.

"By studying lessons learned from electric vehicle operations and the infrastructure supporting these first 5,000 vehicles, the proposed Project will enable the streamlined deployment of the next 5,000,000 electric vehicles," stated Don Karner, president of eTec. "The US Department of Energy has shown great foresight in funding a Project that deploys the largest number of vehicles and infrastructure that will make America electrical vehicle ready."

"We're thrilled to enter our hometown market and sincerely thank Mayor Phil Gordon, the City of Phoenix, the Maricopa Association of Governments, the Pima Association of Governments, the Salt River Project, Tucson Mayor Bob Walkup, the City of Tucson and Tucson Electric Power for their support and partnership in the proposal submitted to the US Department of Energy."

The proposed Project will collect and analyze data characterizing vehicle use and charging patterns in diverse topographies and climate conditions, evaluate the effectiveness of charge infrastructure, and conduct trials of various revenue systems for public charge infrastructure.

By testing and analyzing electric vehicle usage and charging patterns in a simulated mature charging environment, this project will foster the expansion of EV infrastructure that will eventually be available for widespread EV use throughout the country. Federal funding for the Project will be matched by project participants.

By 2012 it is anticipated that more than 750 new jobs will be generated by this project. By supporting the market launch of the Nissan EV, it is expected that over 5,500 new positions will be in place by 2017 as a direct result of the proposed Project. Arizona will be home to more than 250 of those jobs.

HANNOVER, GERMANY: POST EXPO AND COURIER & PARCEL LOGISTICS EXPO

The Postal and Courier industries operate some of the biggest fleets of vehicles on the planet—millions of cars, vans and trucks—not to mention operating some of the world's largest airlines. As an industry, it therefore faces one of the most significant global environmental challenges of the age.

Post Expo and its sister show, Courier & Parcel Logistics Expo, will this year be held in Hannover, Germany, from September 29 through October 1.

Now in its 13th year, the EXPO and Conference is recognized as the world's leading event for the international postal, express and mailing industry and will host over 250 exhibitors and more technology than ever before. Post Expo is the only event totally focused on strategy, technology and service to the global postal sector.

The event is hosted in a different country every year, with 2009 seeing the EXPO make a long awaited return to Germany. Deutsche Post AG is the host sponsor this year, and alongside the continued involvement of the Universal Postal Union, Post Expo 2009 will offer an unparalleled opportunity to see and discuss the latest technologies and to participate in an outstanding conference program that spans the three days of the show.

This year, there is a special emphasis on the industry's impact on the environment, and a special feature of the show will be a panel discussion on zero-emissions transport solutions followed by an exclusive demonstration of some of the vehicles—with an opportunity for industry insiders to drive and experience the fleets of the future on the afternoon of Wednesday, September 30.

ECO-FRIENDLY RACE TRACK UNVEILED BY ATLANTA MOTORSPORTS PARK

Atlanta Motorsports Park plans to build a 2-mile-long motorsports driving course, a one-of-a-kind eco-friendly track sculpted by the world renowned Formula One design engineers at Tilke Architects. It is the only design of its kind in the United States, and the only sustainable motorsports track in the world.

The track contains 6 unique and challenging course configurations and will be open 365 days a year.

CEO Jeremy Porter says, "Some of the greatest minds in motorsports say they believe this track will become truly legendary—141 feet of elevation changes and two of the most famous turns in motorsports have been incorporated into the track: one is the famous Eau Rouge sector of the Spa-Francorchamps Circuit, and the other is the nostalgic Carousel banked corner found at the Nurburgring."

Atlanta Motorsports Park is a private country club for motorsports fans looking for executive level privileges with a country-club lifestyle. \$800,000 in founding memberships were signed on by the time of a gala unveiling this summer. Further information on the facility and memberships is available online at www.AtlantaMotorsportsPark.net

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