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PRESIDENT SIGNS EXECUTIVE ORDER ON FEDERAL FLEET AND TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY

On April 21, President Clinton signed Executive Order 13149, "Greening the Government through Federal Fleet and Transportation Efficiency." The primary goals of the order are to reduce consumption of petroleum products (gas and oil), and to increase the use of Alternate Fuel Vehicles (AFVs) and alternative fuels.

The order requires Federal agencies to reduce annual petroleum consumption by at least 20 percent by the end of FY 2005. The two major strategies recommended to reduce petroleum consumption include purchasing vehicles with higher fuel economy, and by using alternative fuels. The order requires agencies to purchase vehicles that have an increased EPA mileage rating of 1 mpg by Fiscal Year 2002, and at least a 3 mpg increase by 2005.

Agencies are still required to meet the AFV acquisition requirements of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (EPACT). Since 1999, EPACT requires 75% of an agency's covered light duty vehicle acquisitions must be AFVs. In addition, agencies

are now required to meet the majority of their fuel requirements with alternative fuels by 2005. Additional strategies for reducing petroleum use include using hybrid vehicles (electric and gas powered); and substituting sedans for light trucks.

The executive order also has provisions regarding the procurement of environmentally preferable motor vehicle products, including re-refined oil and retread tires. To read the complete order, go to www.pub.whitehouse.gov/uri-res/I2R?urn:pdi://oma.eop.gov.us/2000/4/24/9.text.1.

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LIVING THE GREEN LIFE

GSA is helping drive the Nation's Capital "green" by replacing its three Washington, DC area shuttles with clean burning natural gas vans. These vans are used to shuttle GSA employees between work locations throughout the Capital area. These highly visible vehicles are another example of GSA's commitment to "Drive Green." GSA is continuously striving to drive the Federal Fleet Green through the use of clean, alternative fuel vehicles. Natural gas vehicles are cleaner than their conventional counterparts and natural gas is a domestic energy source. The "green" vans will refuel at one of the 17 CNG fueling stations in the Washington, DC area.

Les Gray, Assistant Commissioner of FSS's Office of Vehicle Acquisition and Leasing Services states, "Natural gas vehicles can meet the demands of shuttle service. The shuttles are operating 70 miles a day, five days a week. That amounts to over 17,000 miles accumulated per year. These vehicles work

– they perform as well as or better than their conventional counterparts. We would like to encourage our customer agencies to follow our lead on this initiative and "Drive their Shuttle Fleets Green".

If you would like more information on converting your shuttle fleet to alternative fuels or other "Drive Green" initiatives, contact:

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