

Leadership in Private Business

Winner: Allied Waste (Dave Fisher)

Description:

Allied Waste has demonstrated leadership and commitment to the environment by implementing pollution prevention methods and converting its truck fleet to compressed natural gas (CNG). At the time the decision was made to switch to CNG, there were no accessible CNG fueling stations available in the area. Allied Waste built stations in Canyon and Ada Counties, funded in part by a Department of Energy stimulus grant. These two stations help flesh-out the national CNG fueling infrastructure. Previously, there were no CNG stations between Utah and Oregon. The environmental and economic effects are felt across Canyon and Ada Counties, throughout southwestern Idaho, and across the United States.

Within five years, 100% of the trucks operated by Allied Waste in the Treasure Valley will be burning natural gas. CNG is a cleaner-burning fuel than diesel or gasoline. With 53 trucks now burning CNG on a daily basis, Allied Waste is doing its part to reduce its impact on the airshed and to improve local air quality. In addition, dollars that were being sent overseas are now staying in the United States and are helping to rebuild our own economy.