

Zemo Partnership NEWS

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Renewable Fuels Scheme shows the way for truck decarbonisation

Zemo Partnership's Renewable Fuels Assurance Scheme (RFAS) for high blend renewable fuels which was launched in March this year has seen rapid engagement from fuel suppliers with ten companies now fully approved.

The initiative gives fleet operators robust and transparent information about the fuel life cycle greenhouse gas emissions and wider sustainability performance of renewable fuels supplied in the UK.

The ten suppliers now through the scheme are:

- ✓ CNG Fuels Ltd
- ✓ Argent Energy Ltd
- ✓ Gas Bus Alliance
- ✓ Air Liquide Advanced Technologies Ltd
- ✓ Green Biofuels Ltd
- ✓ Greenergy Fuels Ltd
- ✓ Crown Oil Ltd
- ✓ Speedy Fuels & Lubricants Ltd
- ✓ Beesley Fuels Ltd
- ✓ Nationwide Fuels Ltd

The RFAS-approved companies supply a range of high blend renewable fuel products including: compressed and liquefied biomethane; biodiesel (various blends); hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO) and Bio-GTL (various blends).¹

¹ https://www.zemo.org.uk/work-with-us/fuels/the-renewable-fuels-assurance-scheme.htm

The renewable fuels approved under the scheme are currently supplying around 200 companies working to decarbonise their vehicle fleets and off highway equipment.

(For more information about the scheme, see our earlier media release.)

A Zemo Partnership study² found that an important barrier to renewable fuels uptake was the need for HDV fleet operators to have more clarity in terms of the environmental credentials of renewable fuels, both for company carbon reporting and making decisions on fleet decarbonisation solutions.

Zemo Partnership initially piloted the scheme with several renewable fuel suppliers. All the companies involved are producing biofuels from waste feedstocks, achieving average GHG emission savings of between 70% and 90% compared with diesel.

Gloria Esposito, Zemo Partnership's Head of Sustainability, says: "I'm delighted with the early response from fuel suppliers to the scheme. It shows that the scheme was timely and is valued by operators and their customers.

"The scheme is open to all companies producing renewable fuels. We'd particularly like to hear from companies involved in the renewable hydrogen supply chain."

Images (biomethane & HVO trucks, RFG report cover, RFAS logo) can be downloaded here.



NOTES TO EDITORS

Fuels supplied at service stations in the UK have average renewable fuel content of 5%, as required under the RTFO. The Zemo Partnership assurance scheme specifically focuses on the high blend (15%+) renewable fuels market, providing bulk supplies for depot-based fleets and public biomethane refuelling stations.

Zemo Partnership (www.zemo.org.uk), formerly LowCVP, was established in 2003 as a public-private partnership working to accelerate a sustainable shift to lower carbon vehicles and fuels and create opportunities for UK businesses. Over 200 organisations are engaged from diverse backgrounds, including automotive and fuel supply chains, government, vehicle users, academics, environment groups and others. In February 2021

² <u>https://www.zemo.org.uk/news-events/news,renewable-fuels-could-cut-extra-46m-tonnes-ghg-emissions-from-truck-operati_4196.htm</u>

the organisation changed its name to reflect heightened ambition as the UK embarks on a trajectory to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

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