



Zemo Partnership NEWS

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Zemo Partnership Renewable Fuels Assurance Scheme gathering pace

Zemo Partnership's Renewable Fuels Assurance Scheme (RFAS) for higher blend renewable fuels launched last year is going from strength-to-strength with 14 fuel suppliers now fully approved under the scheme.

The RFAS gives heavy-duty vehicle operators robust information about the greenhouse gas (GHG) and wider sustainability performance of renewable fuels supplied in the UK. The scheme is open to companies supplying sustainable low carbon fuels used in road vehicles and non-road mobile machinery, including biofuels and renewable hydrogen.

The RFAS was set up after a Zemo Partnership study¹ found that an important barrier to 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.

While the electrification of cars and vans is now well under way, larger, long-range vehicles and legacy cars and vans will be on the road for the next 20-30 years. Cutting GHG emissions from these vehicles by using renewable fuels remains a key objective as we strive to achieve net zero by 2050.

The RFAS approves companies supplying sustainable low carbon fuels on the basis of meeting three performance criteria, with evidence verified by an independent auditor complementing the safeguards included in the Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation (RTFO). The assurance criteria are based on fuel life-cycle GHG emissions, feedstock sustainability and supply chain traceability.

¹ https://www.zemo.org.uk/news-events/news,renewable-fuels-could-cut-extra-46m-tonnes-ghg-emissions-from-truck-operati_4196.htm

A unique feature of the scheme is a 'Renewable Fuel Declaration' which operators receive with batches of the renewable fuel purchased. The declaration includes a colour-coded GHG emission savings banding system, similar to energy efficiency labels, encouraging fleet operators to strive to achieve higher GHG emissions savings. (An example Renewable Fuel Declaration can be found [here](#).)

Suppliers now approved under the Renewable Fuels Assurance Scheme include:

- 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
- ESL Fuels Ltd
- Phillips 66 Ltd
- Jet Retail UK Ltd
- Gasrec Ltd

Further details about the Renewable Fuels Scheme can be found [here](#).

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 6%, as required under the RTFO. The Zemo Partnership assurance scheme specifically focuses on the higher 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

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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