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## **Public Natural Gas Refueling Station Opens in Indianapolis**

**INDIANAPOLIS** – The third public refueling station in Indianapolis dispensing clean, affordable compressed natural gas opens today at Kyler Brothers Service, Inc., a full-service heating and air conditioning contractor located at 4355 Lafayette Blvd.

“With Indianapolis and Central Indiana facing increasingly stringent clean-air standards, it is imperative that more fleets use alternative fuels. This station is another step in our ongoing effort to transition more vehicles to cleaner-burning American derived fuels,” said Brandon Seitz, Office of Energy and Defense Development, State of Indiana.

The compressed natural gas refueling station and vehicle conversions at Kyler Brothers were funded through grants facilitated by the Central Indiana Clean Cities Alliance, a program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) that promotes alternative fueled vehicle use. DOE provided \$150,000 in funding and the Indiana Office of Energy and Defense Development provided \$50,000, with matching funds coming from Kyler Brothers Services, Inc.

“We are pleased that we have been able to help Indiana increase its use of clean-burning, domestically- produced natural gas, which not only helps us reduce ground-level ozone, but also lessen our dependence on middle east oil,” said Dennis Smith, Clean Cities Program, U.S. Department of Energy.

With compressed natural gas now selling for about one third the price of gasoline and diesel fuel, switching fuels was an easy decision for Kris Kyler, President of Kyler Brothers. “Once we were able to secure the grants and other incentives through Clean Cities, the decision to convert our fleet of about 30 vehicles to natural gas was a no-brainer. We also are very pleased that switching our fleet to natural gas contributes to cleaner air here in Indianapolis,” said Kyler.

In fact, running vehicles on natural gas means more than a 90 percent reduction in the emissions that form smog, according to Kellie Walsh, Executive Director of CICCA. “Natural gas provides environmental advantages that will help move Marion County back into compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency’s emission standards. With federal tax credits for vehicle conversions and refueling infrastructure, converting vehicle fleets to natural gas is a winner for businesses and the environment,” Walsh said.

In addition to providing fuel savings and dramatic emissions reductions, natural gas delivers top performance according to Barb Pesut-Hanley, Industrial Sales Consultant with Citizens Gas, which provided technical and infrastructure assistance for the new refueling station. “Fleet vehicle owners that convert to natural gas will not only see big fuel-cost savings, but also reduced maintenance costs due to the clean-burning characteristics of natural gas. With natural gas, fleet owners can lengthen the time between oil changes, meaning less money spent on oil and oil filters and less down-time for vehicles,” Pesut-Hanley said.

Other public compressed natural gas refueling stations are located at Citizens Gas Operations Center, 2150 Martin Luther King Blvd., and Greene’s Automotive Services, 111 W. Raymond Street, both in Indianapolis, IN.

CICCA was designated in 1999 to bring the Department of Energy Clean Cities Program to Central Indiana. The coalition’s purpose is to educate and inform Central and southern Indiana on the economic and environmental benefits of alternative fuels for transportation. These fuels include electricity, biodiesel, natural gas, ethanol and propane. More information about CICCA is available at [www.cicca.org](http://www.cicca.org).

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