

New York Announces Plan to Clean Up New York City Buses

NY Governor George Pataki announced this month a comprehensive, fleet-wide program to substantially reduce emissions from New York City's 4200 transit bus fleet. The program contains the following elements:

- Install advanced emission controls on over 3000 buses by the end of 2003
- Require the availability of low sulfur diesel fuel (<30 ppm sulfur)
- Add 300 new CNG buses and 250 new hybrid-electric buses
- Retire the high-emitting two-stroke diesel buses by the end of 2003
- Add three fueling depots that will provide CNG fuel
- Provide funding for development of a heavy-duty vehicle emission test facility

The program won high praise from the NRDC and other environmental groups.