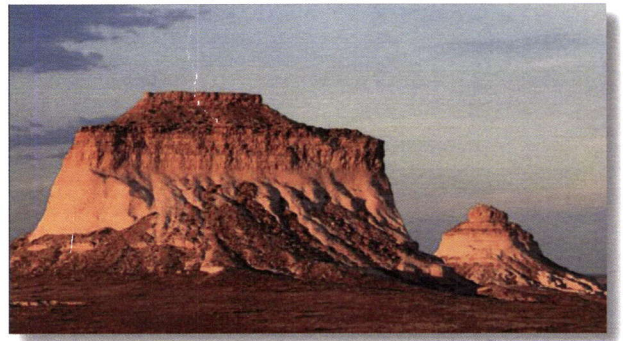


Weld County, CO

Keeping the Northern Colorado sky clean and clear

10,000 natural gas vehicles could be added under Smart Energy Plan

- Weld County's Smart Energy Plan promotes natural gas as an alternative transportation fuel across the region, supporting a booming industry in the county while reducing emissions and dependency on foreign oil.
- Public-private partnerships under this plan allow both county officials and businesses to transition fleets to natural gas vehicles.
- Long-term, the program aims to build a total of 25 compressed natural gas (CNG) refueling stations and put 10,000 natural gas vehicles on the road.
- By the end of 2011, the first public CNG station will open along the northern Front Range.



"We truly believe it's a solution. It is an integral part of the economic, environmental and energy aspects of Weld County."

- Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer,
regarding the use of natural gas vehicles

- Natural gas vehicles are cleaner and more efficient than traditional gasoline or diesel, including the reduction of:
 - Carbon monoxide (CO) by 70-90 percent
 - Nitrogen oxide (NOx) by 75-95 percent
 - Carbon dioxide (CO₂) by 20-30 percent
- To spur local job training programs, Smart Energy partnered with Aims Community College to implement a curriculum for natural gas vehicle technicians.

- Based on projected air quality improvements from the Smart Energy Plan, county officials were awarded \$5 million in grants from the Congestion, Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program, the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Denver Regional Council of Governments. Industry partners are contributing matching funds.
- A portion of the grant money will fund public CNG stations at proposed sites in Fort Lupton, Windsor and Evans. Some of the funding will also go toward fleet conversion.
- Weld County has committed to convert 50 county vehicles over the next six years, and companies in the area will also convert some of their vehicles to CNG.

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