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Soy-Based Biodiesel Fuels Toronto Hydro Fleet

Toronto Hydro has launched a large-scale test of vegetable-based biodiesel fuel in its fleet of cars, trucks and vans as a first step to converting to 100 percent biodiesel. By using a mixture of soy-based biodiesel and low-sulfur diesel in its fleet of vehicles, Toronto Hydro expects to improve Toronto air quality by reducing harmful vehicle emissions.

One hundred of Toronto Hydro's cars, vans and trucks will begin using B20 through the winter of 2001/2002. If testing is successful, Toronto Hydro wants to use biodiesel in all its vehicles.

"Switching to biodiesel will reduce air pollution in Toronto and help in the fight against global warming," said Keith Stewart of the Toronto Environmental Alliance. "Toronto Hydro is rapidly becoming a leader in the transition to cleaner, renewable forms of energy and we look forward to other companies following suit."

"The Ontario Soybean Growers are thrilled that Toronto Hydro has chosen to investigate the use of biodiesel fuel as a means of doing their part to reduce pollution," said Liam McCreery, chair of the Ontario Soybean Growers, a provincial commodity organization working to help develop the market for biodiesel in Canada. The organization is a member of the National Biodiesel Board. "The use of biodiesel provides an excellent opportunity for Canadian agriculture to play an integral role in helping to alleviate the country's growing urban smog problem," he said.