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Heavy Duty Vehicle Rules Undervalues Benefits of NGVs

WASHINGTON, D.C. –The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Transportation today released a 958-page document that includes new regulations that will reduce emissions and increase the fuel economy for medium and heavy-duty trucks. But NGV America strongly believes that rules could have been even more effective in reducing emissions and reducing the use of imported petroleum. “The rules include some regulatory incentives and flexibility for natural gas trucks but should have gone much further in recognizing the benefits of NGVs,” said NGV America President, Richard Kolodziej. “The rules are designed to address the urgent and closely intertwined challenges of dependence on oil, energy security, urban emissions and global climate change. Natural gas vehicles help achieve all these goals and more.”

Accelerating the use of domestically produced natural gas can have the biggest impact on reducing the use of petroleum motor fuel **today**. Moreover, natural gas is abundant, economical and secure. Every natural gas truck that rolls off an assembly line and is put into service begins backing out 100 percent of the petroleum that would otherwise be used. And yet, the rules finalized today only provide about a 20 percent fuel economy credit for such vehicles. “That makes little sense,” Kolodziej said. “NGV America and its members made a strong and effective case for a much more significant fuel economy incentive for natural gas trucks, but those arguments were ignored. We also urged the Administration to provide enhanced greenhouse gas emission credits for natural gas trucks, but no such credits were provided, either.”

“It is unfortunate and disappointing that the Administration is not being more supportive of natural gas powered trucks,” said Kolodziej. “The US currently has the largest selection of medium and heavy duty natural gas powered truck offerings anywhere in the world. But demand growth for such vehicles in these economic turbulent times has been slow. Adopting the right type of regulatory incentives is a low-cost way to stimulate market demand for such vehicles, but the agencies missed this opportunity”

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