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NGVi Announces CNG Fuel System Inspector Certification Program

Las Vegas, NV--Natural Gas Vehicle Institute (NGVi) is pleased to announce the launch of its CNG Fuel System Inspector Certification program. Designed according to the requirements for professional certification programs prescribed by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA), NGVi's CNG Fuel System Inspector Certification provides an independent assessment to ensure technicians possess the knowledge, skills and specific competencies required to conduct CNG fuel system inspections according to all federal codes and standards, as well as industry best practices. The certification period is five years. The program kicks off with the first certification exam September 16, 2016 in Denver, Colorado. Registration is now open.

CNG fuel system inspections are one of the main factors affecting NGV fleet and dealership safety. In fact, regular inspections of all CNG cylinders are required by Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 304. In addition, NGV industry best practices recommend inspection of the entire fuel system. These inspections must be performed by qualified CNG fuel system inspectors, and in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and Compressed Gas Association (CGA) pamphlet C-6.4.

"We are excited to offer CNG Fuel System Inspector Certification to NGV technicians," said Leo Thomason, Executive Director of NGVi. "While there is no national requirement that CNG Fuel System Inspectors be certified, certification offers that extra layer of assurance and risk mitigation in the operation and maintenance of any CNG-powered vehicles," he added.

Qualified CNG Fuel System Inspectors must be able to thoroughly inspect all components of CNG fuel systems, correctly document their findings, assess any damage, and determine the proper steps necessary to ensure that fuel system safety is maintained. They also must be familiar with and able to effectively use a variety of inspection documents, including applicable codes, standards, regulations, specific manufacturer guidelines, as well as industry best practices.

"We are proud to say that our rigorous certification program was carefully designed and specifically developed to assess the knowledge and skills these technicians must apply during an actual inspection. Our certification exam was created based on a detailed job study of tasks required to be performed by CNG Fuel System Inspectors," said Thomason.

NGVi's CNG Fuel System Inspector program was developed and will be administered independently from its training programs, and there is no training prerequisite for technicians who seek certification. To ensure quality, uniformity and impartiality, the certification program is overseen by an independent Advisory Board comprised of CNG cylinder, fuel system and vehicle manufacturers, as well as end users. The Advisory Board includes representatives from Hexagon Lincoln, Worthington Industries, Agility Fuel Systems, Penske Truck Leasing, Waste Management, UPS, and Volvo.

The certification exam will be offered live at various locations throughout the country, as well as via an online, electronically-proctored exam that can be scheduled individually and taken at a time convenient to the participant.

"Another great advantage of our certification program is its accessibility," said Thomason. "The live-proctored paper exam will be offered in at least six separate locations throughout the country during the fourth quarter of 2016, in addition to monthly offerings at our headquarters. To make the certification experience even more convenient we have added an online, independently-proctored option, allowing participants to take the exam from their own computers."

For more information about NGVi's CNG Fuel System Certification, go to www.ngvi.com/FSI_Certification.html.

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[About NGVi](#): Established in 1989, NGVi has worked with hundreds of companies and government agencies throughout the U.S. and worldwide to help successfully integrate natural gas into their transportation mix. NGVi's clients span a vast number of refuse companies, transit fleets, truck operators, commercial fleets, government fleets, school bus fleet operators, vehicle manufacturers, fleet leasing companies and NGV industry members. Clients include Advanced Disposal, Agility Fuel Systems, Central Ohio Transit Authority, Cummins Inc., Casella Waste Systems, Dart Safety Lane, Dean Foods, FedEx Freight, Freightliner, Frito-Lay, Kwik-Trip, Los Angeles MTA, Mack Trucks, McNeilus, MTA New York City Transit, Penske Truck Leasing, Republic Services, Ryder, TravelCenters of America, Tristate Kenworth, UPS, Veolia Transportation, Volvo, Waste Management, Western Peterbilt, and many more.