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Sightseeing Vessel Greening its Engines with Veggie-Fuel During World Environment Week

San Francisco, CA The Harbor Queen, operated by the Red and White Fleet, is the only sightseeing vessel on San Francisco Bay running on renewable veggie-fuel during World Environment Week. By blending 20 percent biodiesel made in California from yellow grease with petroleum diesel in its tanks on all regularly scheduled harbor and sunset cruises, the boat will cut its emissions and reduce greenhouse gases.

The public can ride the biodiesel boat June 1 through 6 on all regularly scheduled harbor and sunset cruises leaving from Fisherman's Wharf Pier 43 ½, foot of Taylor Street, San Francisco. A special media briefing and special guest cruise is set for 10:15 am Thursday, June 2, with vessel departure at 10:45 am.

Ferries and other harbor craft can operate on biodiesel instead of petroleum diesel to reduce air pollution, greenhouse gases and dependence on foreign oil. Biodiesel is a renewable fuel produced in the U.S. that can be used in diesel engines without modification.

The one-week pilot project launches a cooperative effort between Red and White Fleet and Bluewater Network to establish a marine biodiesel fueling station along the San Francisco waterfront so that all diesel ferries, fishing boats, tugboats, yachts and other harbor craft can buy and use this green fuel all year round.

The Bush Administration recently authorized a federal excise tax credit for biodiesel that makes it more competitively priced with standard diesel fuel used by trucks and vessels. The credit equals 1 cent for each percent of biodiesel. So the credit is 20 cents per gallon for the 20 percent biodiesel blend (B20).

Bluewater Network protects water and air quality, wildlife, and public lands from environmental damage caused by vehicles, vessels and thrillcraft. It is a division of Friends of the Earth.

Red and White Fleet is San Francisco's original sightseeing tradition since 1892.

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