



STATE *of* NEBRASKA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
LINCOLN

**Executive Order**

**No. 05-03**

**Use of Ethanol in State Vehicles  
and Use of Biodiesel in Diesel Powered Vehicles**

Whereas, Nebraska is one of the leading producers of corn and soybeans in the United States — agricultural commodities used in the production of renewable fuels such as ethanol and biodiesel;

Whereas, numerous economic development and environmental benefits result from the use of renewable fuels, including but not limited to strengthening our agricultural sector by increasing the demand for corn and soybeans, improving net farm income, improving our rural economies, creating new renewable fuels, industry-related jobs, reducing our dependence on foreign oil, improving our energy security, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions;

Whereas, in 1980, the State of Nebraska was the first state in the nation to require the use of a 10 percent ethanol blend in state vehicles and today maintains a large state fleet of E85 flexible fuel vehicles;

Whereas, it is appropriate that State government assume a leadership role in promoting renewable fuels, such as ethanol and biodiesel, and the efficient use of energy and natural resources to the benefit of the State's residents and in the interest of the environment, economy, and future generations of Nebraskans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dave Heineman, Governor of the State of Nebraska, under and pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Nebraska, hereby order the following:

1. The Nebraska Transportation Services Bureau and the Nebraska Department of Roads are directed to immediately take all reasonable actions necessary to investigate ways in which to strengthen the infrastructure for increasing the availability of E85 and B2 for the State's flexible-fuel fleet and to allow for the procurement of 2 percent blends of biodiesel (B2) fuel for the State's diesel-powered vehicle fleet.

2. All State employees utilizing the State's fleet of vehicles shall use E85 and 2 percent blends of biodiesel (B2) fuel when operating flexible-fuel vehicles and diesel-powered vehicles, whenever practical, in the course of their state employment. For the purpose of this executive order, the term "whenever practical" refers to the reasonableness of obtaining E85 or B2.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this 20th day of May, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Five.



*Dave Heineman*

Dave Heineman  
Governor

Attest:

*John A. Gale*

John A. Gale  
Secretary of State



**Dave Heineman**  
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### MEMORANDUM

Date: May 23, 2005 *Dave Heineman*  
To: All State Agencies, Boards, and Commissions  
From: Dave Heineman, Governor  
Subject: **Use of Ethanol and Biodiesel in State Vehicles**

On May 20, 2005, I issued an executive order asking all State agencies, boards, and commissions to begin using 2 percent blends of biodiesel (B2) in the State's diesel-powered vehicles. The executive order also reaffirms the use of ethanol — E10 and E85 — in other state vehicles. A copy of the executive order is attached.

Biodiesel is one of many products produced from Nebraska's soybean crop. In addition to being a local resource, biodiesel significantly reduces particulate emissions when blended with regular diesel fuel.

Please work with your agency's vehicle coordinator to determine where B2 is available. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Sands, Logistics Operations Manager, Department of Roads, at 479-4355 or Steve Sulek, Administrator of the Transportation Services Bureau, at 471-2897.

## Department of Roads

DATE June 24, 2005  
TO Distribution "B"  
FROM John L. Craig  
Director  
SUBJECT Governor's Executive Order

On May 20, 2005, Governor Heineman signed an executive order requesting State employees utilizing State vehicles to use two percent blends of biodiesel (B2) in diesel powered vehicles and E85 in flexible-fueled vehicles whenever practical.

The following is an explanation of how this affects Department of Roads' employees:

For our E85 flexible-fueled vehicles, the Department has three E85 refueling stations that are located in Lincoln at 5001 South 14<sup>th</sup> Street and 302 Superior Street, as well as the Grand Island Highway 30 state yard. There are also commercial stations with E85 available across the state. More stations are being added and you can check the web site for those locations nearest you or along the route you are traveling at <http://www.e85fuel.com/database/locations.php>. The Department's fleet vehicles that can use E85 are all of our Ford Taurus sedans, Dodge Grand Caravans, 2003 Chevy ½ ton pickups and 2004 & 2005 Dodge ½ ton pickups.

For the two percent blends of biodiesel (B2), the Department is currently using this and has been for the last three years in the majority of our diesel tanks. All we need to do is specify B2 when bidding our diesel fuel. For those areas that can not get the B2 bid, we can purchase totes of the bio and splash blend it at delivery time.

A list of vendors that can provide the B2 fuel can be found at <http://www.biodiesel.org/buyingbiodiesel.distributors>. Attached is a copy of the Executive Order. If you have any questions, contact Tom Sands in Logistics Division at (402) 479-4355.

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Attachment