Natural Gas Pumps Installed at Alpine Waste & Recycling

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COMMERCE CITY, Colo. (April 5, 2011) — Alpine Waste & Recycling has become the biggest privately held company in Colorado to install and use an on-site, natural gas fueling station.

In partnership with Seal Beach, Calif.-based Clean Energy Fuels Corp., Alpine broke ground on installation of the 26 natural gas pumps last fall and finished its testing period today. Alpine took delivery of its first natural gas truck two years ago and now has eight trucks that will fill up every night at the new fueling station on East 84th Avenue in Commerce City. By the end of this year, Alpine anticipates that it will convert about 30 percent of its fleet to natural gas; and eventually, every pump will be occupied every night, as Alpine converts to 100 percent natural gas.

“The more committed that we become to natural gas, the more clearly we have seen its benefits,” said John Griffith, president of Alpine Waste. “Alpine’s natural gas trucks burn fuel more cleanly and more quietly, and it is a Colorado resource, meaning that we are helping the state’s economy.”

Alek Orloff, Alpine’s chief financial officer noted two additional benefits in the conversion to natural gas.

“We feel we are doing our part to help reduce the nation’s dependence on foreign oil,” he said. “And the process of fueling our natural gas trucks involves less manual labor. We can let the trucks refuel overnight, without human monitoring, and we anticipate that we will save Alpine more than $140,000 a year.”
James Orsulak, regional sales manager for Clean Energy Fuels, commended Alpine for its willingness to explore the benefits of natural gas and commit to it so emphatically.

“Alpine is on the leading edge of this technology, proving that a medium-sized business can employ natural gas in a safe, efficient, cost-effective manner at this elevation,” Orsulak said. “We believe other Denver-area companies will soon follow their example.”

Alpine has more than 50 vehicles in its fleet, and Orloff said the transition to natural gas will take place gradually over several years, as older trucks become phased out.

About Alpine Waste & Recycling
Alpine Waste & Recycling is the largest privately held commercial waste and recycling collection company in the Denver area. Founded in 1999 as a single-truck operation, the company has parlayed a customer-service focus into a compound annual revenue growth rate of greater than 40 percent. With more than 50 trucks and more than 170 employees, Alpine hauls more than 130,000 tons of waste and recycle products per year. In early 2009, the Colorado Association for Recycling named Alpine as the state’s most outstanding business for its recycling/diversion program. That division of Alpine is called Altogether Recycling.” ColoradoBiz Magazine in 2008 named Alpine as the state’s Top Company (Service Category); and in 2010 named Alpine as a “Colorado Company to Watch.” Commerce City named Alpine as its 2010 Small Business of the Year. Call 303-744-9881 or go to www.alpinewaste.com.