

CHARLES THONE
GOVERNOR



STATE OF NEBRASKA

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All State Agencies, Boards and Commissions
FROM: Governor Charles Thone
SUBJECT: Gasohol

On Friday, January 25, 1980, I announced a new policy directing all State Vehicles to use Gasohol.

The Department of Administrative Services and the Department of Roads are presently working to obtain suppliers for State pumps under their control. Attached is a list provided by the Gasohol Commission of retail outlets now providing Gasohol at their pumps. All drivers of State Vehicles now purchasing fuel from commercial sources should be provided with a copy of this list and directed to purchase Gasohol where and when possible. As soon as a supplier for State pumps is acquired; only Gasohol will be purchased.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated in this effort. Nebraska can be a leader in this area with your full support and the support of all State Employees.

Also attached is a copy of the press release providing more specifics. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Brent R. Stevenson, Director of the Department of Administrative Services, 402/471-2331.

Thank you.

CT:BRS:m

attachments

STATEMENT OF GOVERNOR CHARLES THONE - JANUARY 25, 1980

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, I AM DIRECTING ALL AGENCIES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS UNDER MY CONTROL AND ASKING ALL OTHER AGENCIES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO BEGIN TO USE GASOHOL IN ALL STATE-OWNED VEHICLES. NEGOTIATIONS ARE ALREADY UNDERWAY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ROADS TO SECURE SUPPLIERS WHO WILL HAVE ALCOHOL OR GASOHOL AVAILABLE FOR CONTINUING AVAILABILITY TO STATE PUMPS. THE STATE VEHICLE USAGE TASK FORCE, HEADED BY BRENT R. STEVENSON, MET YESTERDAY AND HAVE PROVIDED ME WITH THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH I AM ADOPTING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS POLICY.

1. THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ROADS WILL CONVERT THEIR FUEL TANKS TO GASOHOL UPON SECURING SUPPLIERS.
2. DOMESTIC PRODUCTION WILL RECEIVE FIRST PRIORITY AS THE MEANS OF SUPPLY TO STATE PUMPS.
3. IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT AT THE PRESENT TIME DOMESTIC PRODUCTION IS NOT AVAILABLE NOR SUFFICIENT TO MEET OUR NEEDS. FOR THAT REASON PRESENT FUEL SUPPLIERS WILL BE REQUESTED TO SECURE GASOHOL FOR STATE USAGE.
4. INDEPENDENT ALCOHOL PRODUCERS WILL BE CONTACTED FOR SUPPLY AVAILABILITY TO BE USED FORMIXING AT THE PUMPS.

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5. ALL CODE AGENCIES WILL INSTRUCT EMPLOYEES WHO PURCHASE FUEL FOR STATE VEHICLES FROM PRIVATE VENDORS TO PURCHASE GASOHOL FROM THOSE STATIONS NOW PROVIDING THIS PRODUCT. THE GASOHOL COMMISSION HAS PROVIDED A LIST OF ALL SERVICE STATIONS NOW OFFERING GASOHOL AND THIS LIST WILL BE FORWARDED TO EACH AGENCY.

IT IS MY FEELING THAT NEBRASKA MUST BE A LEADER IN GASOHOL PRODUCTION AND UTILIZATION.

IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT WITH THE PRESENT SUPPLY OF GRAIN OF WHICH A LARGE PART IS PRODUCED BY NEBRASKANS, THAT WE TAKE THE LEADERSHIP IN UTILIZING GASOHOL AS A MEANS OF FUEL SUPPLY FOR STATE VEHICLES. LIMITED TESTING OF GASOHOL HAS BEEN CONDUCTED BY THE STATE PATROL AND JOINTLY BY THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIAL UTILIZATION COMMITTEE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ROADS IN THEIR TWO MILLION MILE ROAD SPONSORED PROGRAM. ALTHOUGH THESE TESTS WERE LIMITED, THE INDICATIONS AND FINDINGS HAVE BEEN VERY PRECISE. IT WAS FOUND THAT GASOHOL INCREASED MILEAGE BETWEEN 5-7%. IT WAS FOUND THAT IN USING GASOHOL THERE WAS A 35% REDUCTION IN CARBON MONOXIDE EMISSIONS. THERE WAS NO UNUSUAL ENGINE WEAR AND VEHICLE OPERATION WAS NORMAL. IN VIEWING THESE FACTS, I FEEL THE POLICY FOR GASOHOL USAGE WILL ENHANCE MY EXECUTIVE ORDER OF LAST MAY FOR OUR MILEAGE REDUCTION PROGRAM IMMENSELY.