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**OAKLAND RESPONDS TO GLOBAL WARMING IMPACTS
VOICED IN “AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH”**

Two large clean air vehicles are added to the Oakland Public Works fleet

Oakland, CA. A yearlong planning and purchasing effort by the City of Oakland’s Public Works Agency resulted in the arrival of two heavy-duty clean air vehicles for the City’s fleet. A grant awarded to the City by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District offset the additional cost of retrofitting the engines on a new street sweeper truck and a garbage packer truck to run on clean-burning compressed natural gas. The new vehicles will replace two like-sized diesel-powered units currently in use by the City. The City will dismantle and scrap the older units, removing these diesel engines from service forever.

The new units join the City of Oakland’s fleet of 183 natural gas vehicles, and mark the City’s continuing effort to acquire clean-burning, alternative fuel-powered, heavy-duty vehicles instead of gasoline- or diesel-powered vehicles wherever possible.

This progressive attitude benefits the citizens of Oakland by reducing the number of higher polluting trucks and equipment in the city, contributing to cleaner air and a healthier environment. “Diesel emissions can trigger deadly asthma attacks in the 25% of our flatlands public school children who suffer from asthma. Cleaner burning fuel like CNG will help protect the lives of our most vulnerable citizens,” stated Councilmember Nancy Nadel.

Oakland continues its commitment to compressed natural gas as a viable clean fuel for the City’s fleet. Planned for operation in early 2007 is a new compressed natural gas refueling station near Jack London Square. This new station will serve both public and private users of compressed natural gas fuel. Displacing gasoline- and diesel-powered vehicles with compressed natural gas further contributes to cleaner, healthier air in and around Oakland.

