

ENERGY MATTERS

An American-Made Alternative Energy Source

(NAPSA)—There is good news about energy and the environment: a domestic fuel can help America reduce dependence on foreign oil while cutting greenhouse gases and smog-producing hydrocarbons today. Propane, an alternative fuel already popular in many parts of the country, is used every day in the home, at work, on the road and on the farm.

About Propane

Propane is a low-carbon alternative energy source and one of the cleanest-burning fossil fuels. Environmentally friendly, propane is an appealing clean energy option for commercial applications, transportation and agriculture. Millions of Americans already use propane in their homes and businesses, so an efficient, nationwide distribution infrastructure is already in place.

About 97 percent of propane, a byproduct of natural gas processing and crude oil refining is produced in North America, much of it coming from natural gas found in the United States. As more domestic natural gas reserves are explored, more propane can be produced here.

Expert Advice

T. Boone Pickens and Roy Willis, leaders in the alternative energy resources field, say propane should be fully integrated into the mix of fuels making a difference today.

Pickens, an entrepreneur and alternative energy advocate, demonstrated his commitment to propane by highlighting it as an important component of his Pickens Plan—a comprehensive approach to ending America's growing dependence on foreign oil while reducing the environmental impact of energy use. Pickens cites propane's environmentally friendly profile and ample production in the United States as key benefits.

"America has the opportunity



Propane is a common sight in America's heartland, but it can also be used in a variety of other geographic locales as an efficient, reliable, environmentally friendly and affordable energy source.

today to reduce its dependence on foreign oil, while protecting the environment by making the most of domestic energy sources," said Pickens. "Propane is clean, it's American-made and it can be put to work right now."

"Millions of Americans already enjoy the efficient, reliable and affordable energy offered by propane," said Willis, president and CEO of the Propane Education & Research Council (PERC). "Our organization and industry partners are committed to the ongoing development of new technologies to make propane an even more flexible and environmentally respectful energy source for today's homes, farms, businesses and vehicles. We are also dedicated to innovation, driving new technologies and applications for the future."

Propane is a natural counterpart to such alternative and renewable energies as solar, wind and natural gas. Through a combination of these energies and propane, Willis adds, the United States can reduce greenhouse gases, improve air quality, lower energy costs and expand energy independence.

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