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Press Release

Giant Eagle, a Pittsburgh grocery retailer for more than 80 years, is one of the largest, privately-owned and family-operated companies in the United States. With 200 stores in four states, Giant Eagle maintains a significant product delivery schedule with a fleet of trucks to keep its shelves stocked 24 hours a day.

Giant Eagle makes 750 truck deliveries each day to its stores, and on June 28th, they won an Environmental Award for its efforts to reduce truck air emissions.

So in 2011, Giant Eagle launched a demonstration project to prove the feasibility of alternative fuels, specifically compressed natural gas (CNG). The Giant Eagle Delivering a Cleaner Future CNG Project resulted in one of the region's first publicly-accessible CNG fueling station, just outside the City of Pittsburgh.

The project addressed the community, regional, and national need for the infrastructure that would be needed to employ a sustainable, domestically-produced, alternative fuel at the retail level. And with natural gas from shale in such abundance in Pennsylvania, compressed natural gas was a very attractive source of this fuel. CNG typically is priced one-third below the cost of gasoline and diesel. In addition to cost savings, CNG reduces particulate matter emissions by 94 percent, carbon monoxide emissions by 75 percent, nitrogen oxide emissions by up to 49 percent, and carbon dioxide emissions by 25 percent. And commercial CNG vehicles run 50 percent quieter than diesel trucks.

Giant Eagle also constructed one of the region's first publicly-accessible CNG fueling stations, including connection to an existing natural gas main line. Then, Volvo Trucks North America added ten new natural gas-powered day cabs to Giant Eagle's existing fleet.

The results of this project have exceeded expectations. By switching to CNG, Giant Eagle's fleet reduced its production of carbon dioxide by 900,000 pounds in just the first year of operation and produced a savings of at least \$150,000 in fuel costs. And by providing one of the region's first public access CNG fueling stations, this project is a great example of the benefits of CNG-based fuel and how the environmental benefits of Pennsylvania's natural energy resources can be harnessed for commercial and consumer use.

RT is proud to assist Giant Eagle on projects it awards to us.

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