



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
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Welcome to KCFC June 2026 Newsletter

We are thrilled to resume the Kentucky Clean Fuels Coalition (KCFC) newsletter as our organization enters an exciting new phase of growth and impact. Following a brief break while we secured our renewed funding, we are officially back to sharing our regular updates.

*KCFC is now hosted by the Conn Center at the University of Louisville.*

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Executive Director's Message

Dear KCFC Members, Partners, and Stakeholders,

It is my pleasure to reconnect with you as KCFC enters an exciting new chapter of growth, collaboration, and impact. ***Following our transition to the Conn Center for Renewable Energy Research at the University of Louisville and the renewal of our funding through the U.S. Department of Energy's Clean Cities and Communities program, we are revitalizing our efforts to advance clean transportation and sustainable energy solutions throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky.*** We put together a highly functional team - Dr. Veera Boddu, a veteran of U.S. Army Labs, USDA, and EPA as an Associate Director, Mr. Sam Spafforth as a strategic advisor, Dr. Shalini Arora as a project Manager, and Mr. Grant Krummen as the Sustainability and outreach coordinator. Please see their bios below.

Since its founding in 1993, KCFC has served as a trusted resource for promoting alternative fuels, advanced vehicle technologies, fuel-saving strategies, and transportation innovation. Today, the need for collaboration among government agencies, industry leaders, fleet operators, educational institutions, utilities, and community organizations has never been greater. Together, we can accelerate the deployment of cleaner transportation technologies, strengthen Kentucky's economy, improve energy security, and reduce environmental impacts.

Over the coming months, KCFC will focus on rebuilding and expanding our stakeholder network, recruiting a dynamic Board of Directors, supporting fleet sustainability initiatives, enhancing outreach and education programs, and promoting emerging technologies, including electric vehicles, alternative fuels, sustainable aviation fuels, and advanced mobility solutions. KCFC needs your support and input. Please join KCFC as a member and help expand its membership. If you have interest in serving on the KCFC Board, please let us know.

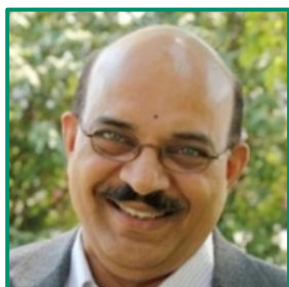
This newsletter will serve as a platform to share relevant updates on clean fuels, stakeholders' success stories, industry developments, funding opportunities, technical resources, and upcoming events. We encourage you to become actively involved by participating in coalition activities, sharing your accomplishments, and helping us identify opportunities to advance clean transportation across Kentucky.

On behalf of the entire KCFC team, I thank you for your continued support and commitment. We look forward to working with you to build a cleaner, more sustainable, and economically vibrant future for Kentucky.

Sincerely,  
Jagannadh Satyavolu, Ph.D.  
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## Introducing KCFC's New Team

### **Dr. Jagannadh Satyavolu, Director**



Dr. Jagannadh Satyavolu is an Endowed Chair for Renewable Energy Research and Theme Leader – biomass conversion and biofuels at Conn Center for Renewable Energy Research at University of Louisville. He serves as Executive Director (interim) of the Kentucky Clean Fuels Coalition (KCFC). With more than 30 years of experience in business leadership, operations management, technology development, industrial research, and academia, he leads KCFC's clean transportation initiatives and stakeholder engagement efforts. Dr. Satyavolu oversees the Kentucky Clean Cities Coalition Network – Outreach, Education, and Performance Tracking Program, funded by the U.S. Department of Energy's Vehicle Technologies Office.

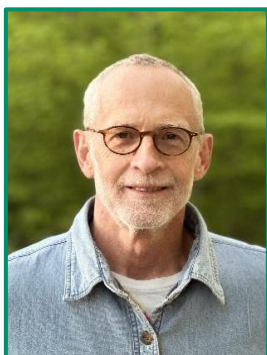
Contact: [Jagannadh.Satyavolu@Louisville.edu](mailto:Jagannadh.Satyavolu@Louisville.edu).

### **Dr. Veera M. Boddu, Associate Director**

Dr. Veera M. Boddu is Associate Director of KCFC and a former Senior Scientist with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. He has also served with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He brings about 25 years experience managing research projects, people, resources. He is excited to be associated with KCFC, it aligns well with his experience at USEPA and other Federal Agencies. His expertise includes environmental engineering, advanced materials, and sustainable energy technologies. Dr. Boddu has authored or co-authored approximately 90 peer-reviewed publications, four books, five patents, and more than 120 technical presentations. He is a Professional Engineer (PE), Board-Certified Environmental Engineer (BCEE), and Fellow of both AIChE and IChE. Contact: [boddu2001@gmail.com](mailto:boddu2001@gmail.com).



### **Sam Spofforth, Strategic Advisor**



Sam Spofforth is working as strategic advisor with KCFC and helps fleets switch to alternative fuels, write grants, and track emissions. Sam has spent most of his career as a nonprofit leader in the environmental and clean transportation space. At Clean Water Action, he directed field and phone canvass programs, then developed grassroots environmental organizations. Over twenty years, he built Clean Fuels Ohio into the largest organization in the Clean Cities and Communities (CC&C) network. Then, he transitioned to a role at U.S. Department of Energy to strengthen and grow this network, adding ten new organizations over four years. In 2026, Sam founded GoForth Partners, which provides strategic services to energy and environmental nonprofits. Contact: [Sam@GoForth.Partners](mailto:Sam@GoForth.Partners).

### **Dr. Shalini Arora, Project Manager**

Dr. Shalini Arora, Project Manager at the Conn Center, University of Louisville, is working with KCFC to revitalize core initiatives like Green Fleets of the Bluegrass and accelerate regional sustainability across the Commonwealth. her experience is focused in catalyst preparation, material characterization, performing high temperature/pressure reactions and result analysis. She has a PhD in Chemical Engineering, with a specific focus in heterogeneous catalysis and desulfurization from IIT Kanpur, India. She has an Indian patent granted for her PhD research work and also published many articles in prestigious international journals like ACS Energy & Fuels, Journal of Catalysis, RSC Advances, ChemCatChem. Contact: [shalini.arora@louisville.edu](mailto:shalini.arora@louisville.edu).



### **Grant Krummen, Sustainability and Outreach Coordinator**



Grant Krummen is working with KCFC as a student coordinator hired through Argonne National Laboratory. At KCFC, Grant supports stakeholder outreach, communications, membership development, and sustainability initiatives. He is a recent graduate from Indiana University with a B.S in Sustainability and Regeneration and minors in political science and geoscience. During his time in school, he completed research papers regarding the addition of solar energy on campus and the benefits of adding a public walking trail across campus. He is passionate in pursuing a career in urban planning and landscape architecture, as he believes the designs of our cities and communities play a critical role in the formation of how we interact with the environment, one another, and most importantly ourselves. Contact: [krummen.a.grant@gmail.com](mailto:krummen.a.grant@gmail.com).

## **Great Opportunity to Join the New KCFC Board of Directors**

As we launch this exciting new chapter for the Kentucky Clean Fuels Coalition (KCFC), we are actively seeking passionate leaders, industry professionals, innovators, policymakers, fleet managers, educators, and clean energy advocates to serve on our new Board of Directors.

We invite individuals and organizations committed to sustainable transportation, energy independence, and environmental stewardship to become part of this exciting transformation. Your expertise, vision, and leadership can help drive meaningful change and position Kentucky as a leader in advanced transportation technologies.

Join us in building a stronger, more connected, and more sustainable future for Kentucky. Together, we can make a lasting impact for generations to come. For further information, please contact Sam at [Sam@GoForth.Partners](mailto:Sam@GoForth.Partners).

## Promote your organization through KCFC

Dr. Shalini Arora and Mr. Grant Krummen manage KCFC's newsletter and website content, providing platforms to connect with a growing network of industry leaders, fleet operators, government agencies, educational institutions, nonprofits, and clean energy stakeholders throughout the Commonwealth.

To learn more about advertising, sponsorship, promotional features, event announcements, or partnership opportunities, please contact us here: [shalini.arora@louisville.edu](mailto:shalini.arora@louisville.edu).

We welcome the opportunity to help amplify your message and connect you with Kentucky's clean transportation community

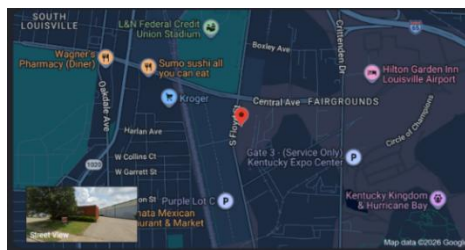
## KCFC has a New Address

KCFC is pleased to announce its new office location near the University of Louisville campus. We gratefully acknowledge BioProducts, LLC, of Louisville, KY, for generously providing the office space.

### Kentucky Clean Fuels Coalition

University of Louisville  
2929 S. Floyd Street  
Louisville, KY 40292

Click Here: [Directions](#)



We look forward to serving our members and stakeholders from our new location as we continue advancing clean transportation and sustainable energy initiatives across Kentucky.

## Regional Green Initiative Announcement

### Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council Announcement



The Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments completed strategic roadmap plans to electrify six regional airports. These upgrades establish the necessary electrical grid



infrastructure to support future electric vertical takeoff and landing (eVTOL) vehicles, cargo drones, and air taxis. **More Info** → [OKI Airport Roadmap](#).

## Upcoming Events and Meetings

### *Board of Director's Meeting*

Following the completion of our Board of Directors recruitment process, the Kentucky Clean Fuels Coalition (KCFC) will convene its inaugural Board Meeting in July 2026.

This important meeting will establish the coalition's strategic priorities, discuss key initiatives, and help shape KCFC's direction for the coming year. Board members and stakeholders will have the opportunity to collaborate on advancing clean transportation, alternative fuels, and sustainable energy initiatives across Kentucky.

Additional details, including the meeting date, time, location, and agenda, will be announced soon. We encourage all members and stakeholders to stay tuned for updates.

## Current Activities and Program Updates

### *UPS Expands Natural Gas Infrastructure*

UPS is investing over \$90 million to build six CNG fueling stations and 390 new CNG tractors and terminal trucks and 50 liquefied natural gas (LNG) vehicles to its alternative fuel and advanced technology fleet.

[Current Program Link: UPS Infrastructure Update](#)

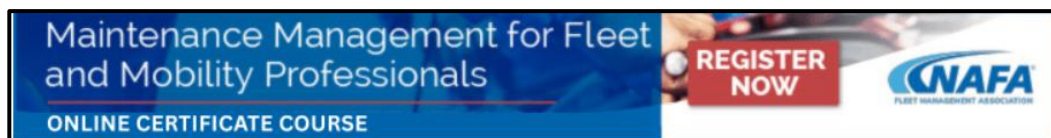


**CNG Fuel Station**

This massive commercial commitment builds directly upon legacy KCFC alternative fuel deployment corridors. [KCFC Alternative Fuel Corridor Initiatives](#)

## Other Items of Interest

### *Maintenance Management for Fleet and Mobility Professionals*



### ***Earn a Certificate in Maintenance Management!***

A three-part online certificate program hosted by NAFA to enhance essential vehicle maintenance principles. The interactive virtual training covers shop operations, environmental compliance, and performance metrics to optimize fleet productivity. It benefits anyone responsible for managing clean energy vehicles, tracking fleet data, or overseeing regional environmental compliance.

***Course Starts – 21 July***

[Registration Link](#)

- **Who Should Attend:** Designed for fleet managers, sustainability coordinators, in-house shop technicians, and outsourced maintenance personnel.
- **When is it:** Runs from July 21–23, 2026, with live virtual sessions broadcast daily from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET.

#### ***Optimizing Fleet Operations Workshop***



**Maximize your clean fleet operations** by staying ahead of the latest trends in efficiency, asset management, and advanced transportation. The **NAFA Fleet Management Association** offers exclusive educational resources, interactive workshops, and strategy tracks designed specifically for fleet professionals looking to optimize operations, implement sustainability reporting, and transition seamlessly to alternative fuels and EVs.

- **What:** Fleet Efficiency, Sustainability, and Operations Education
- **When:** August 18-20, 2026.
- **Who Should Attend:** Fleet managers, sustainability coordinators, and municipal stakeholders
- **Key Topics:** EV adoption logistics, alternative fuel strategy, and legislative advocacy
- **Registration:** Secure your spot online through the [NAFA Registration Portal](#)

***Registration savings available through July 31!***

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