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City testing ethanol in vehicles as alternative fuel

(LAWRENCE, KANSAS) -- A City of Lawrence pilot program on alternative vehicle fuel is in high gear.

The City has three flex fuel Ford Taurus automobiles running on an ethanol mixture to test the fuel's efficiency. Working with the Kansas Corn Growers Association, the City launched the program last year to test the fuel. Results on vehicle mileage and performance will be logged through June, 2001.

City Garage Superintendent Steve Stewart contacted the Kansas Corporation Commission for information on alternative fuel testing and was paired up with the Corn Growers Association who provided the fuel, pump and tank.

The fuel is classified as E-75, a winter blend of 75% ethanol and 25% unleaded gasoline. The ethanol is produced from corn distilled into alcohol and then denatured with unleaded gasoline.

Built with specialty fuel systems and computers, the vehicles also operate on standard unleaded gasoline or up to 85% ethanol blend, Stewart said.

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