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USED COOKING OIL/ BIODIESEL PROGRAM AUGUST 19, 2009 - FLORENCE, ALABAMA

Florence, Alabama – The City of Florence is pleased to announce the 1st anniversary of the used cooking oil/ biodiesel program.

The first batch of biodiesel was made August 19, 2008. To date we have made a total of 840 gallons of 100% biodiesel from used cooking oil. This means that 840 gallons of cooking oil did not go to the sewer and it did not go into the landfill. In fact it was turned into a useable product: FUEL. The 840 gallons of biodiesel has been blended with purchased diesel to create 5, 10, 15, or 20% blends producing 3900 gallons of blended fuel for city vehicles

The biodiesel plant is located at the Florence wastewater treatment plant where the plant maintenance men Brad Scott, Jim Ford, and Rob Robinson process your used cooking oil into biodiesel.

This program has many benefits to our city including reducing sewer maintenance cost, saving landfill space, and providing fuel with fewer harmful emissions for some city vehicles by turning a waste stream into renewable resource.

What: Recycle **Used cooking oil** with the City of Florence! This is **FREE** program open to residents, non-residents, and businesses.

How: Place used oil in a sealed container. Drop-off container at designated location or place curbside within city limits on scheduled garbage day.

Who: Everyone can drop off used cooking oil at any of the drop off stations. Curbside service is provided to all city residences and city businesses.

Where: 1200 Terrace Street, Florence, AL (256-760-6466; 256-760-6495)

Used Cooking Oil Stations are located at:

- *Foodland in Killen -on Hwy 72 and Hwy 43*
- *BP Station on Cloverdale Rd.- at Wright Drive*
- *Coussons Gas Station - on Savannah Hwy near Central*
- *Florence Recycling Center - 1200 Terrace Street off of Veterans Drive*

When: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

