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It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas, At the Capitol

Take a look at the Christmas Tree, such a beautiful shade of green, And brought to us by biodiesel

WASHINGTON, D.C. – A Capitol Christmas Tree has been an American tradition since 1964. But this is the first year that renewable biodiesel helped transport the tree across the nation. The six-story-tall blue spruce made its way from Arizona to Washington, D.C. powered by a blend of the cleaner burning fuel.

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi will light the Capitol Christmas Tree this Tuesday, with the Arizona congressional delegation, Senators John McCain and Jon Kyl along with Arizona Governor Jan Brewer in attendance.

Two diesel trucks running on B5 (a 5 percent biodiesel fuel mix) were part of a caravan carrying the approximately 125-year-old tree from the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest.

"It is significant that the Capitol Christmas Tree was delivered with biodiesel because economic development, carbon reduction, and energy security continue to dominate national priorities," said Joe Jobe, CEO of the National Biodiesel Board. "Biodiesel helps us achieve all of those things."

Biodiesel is a renewable fuel for diesel engines. It reduces lifecycle carbon dioxide emissions by 78 percent, is made domestically from agricultural byproducts such as soybean oil and other fats and oils, and it supports thousands of green jobs.

The National Biodiesel Foundation helped plan the tree's route through the Biotrucker program. Truck drivers used a prepaid Biotrucker fuel card to purchase fuel at some of the nation's 800 truck stops that already carry biodiesel nationwide.

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Additional information about biodiesel is available online at www.biodiesel.org. More information about the Capitol Christmas tree, including tracking of its journey, is available at <http://capitolchristmastree2009.org/>.

