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NGVi Certifies First 100 CNG Fuel System Inspectors

Las Vegas – Natural Gas Vehicle Institute announced today that 100 CNG Fuel System Inspectors have been certified since the company's CNG Fuel System Inspector Certification program launched in September 2016. This significant industry milestone means these technicians, the first 100, have demonstrated comprehensive inspection competency. This group represents heavy-duty truck leasing companies, refuse fleets, cylinder manufacturers, municipal fleets, truck manufacturers and dealers, school districts, transit agencies, trucking companies, food and beverage delivery companies and independent truck service centers.

"We are delighted that our certification program has been well received by the industry and has succeeded with a high participation rate after only three months of operation," said Annalloyd Thomason, NGVi's Vice President and General Manager. "This clearly demonstrates that companies recognize the need and value of NGVi's certification, which offers a greater level of confidence in their technicians' abilities to conduct CNG fuel system inspections. This, in turn, contributes to overall NGV fleet safety."

NGVi's CNG Fuel System Inspector Certification program is administered independently from the company's training programs, and is designed according to the requirements of the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). It was created by industry experts and based on a detailed job study of tasks required to be performed by CNG Fuel System Inspectors, according to federal codes and standards, and industry best practices.

NGVi's certification program is overseen by an independent Advisory Board, including representatives from Agility Fuel Systems, Hexagon Lincoln, Penske Truck Leasing, UPS, Volvo, Waste Management and Worthington Industries.

"We are grateful to work with the Advisory Board, which represents all segments of the industry," said Thomason. "The expertise and guidance of the Advisory Board helps us ensure both the impartiality and uniformity of our program. Combined with our nearly 30 years' experience with hands on fuel system inspections, the Advisory Board has helped develop NGVi's certification exam process into the right combination of knowledge and skills required for CNG Fuel System Inspection competency," she added.

"NGVi continues to be a leader in technical training for the CNG and LNG industry. The CNG Fuel System Inspector Certification of the 100th technician, through a program launched a little more than three months ago, is another first," said Donald Coldwell, Senior Manager, Aftermarket Training for Mack Trucks and Volvo Trucks Academy. "If there was a Gold Standard for technical training and certification in the CNG and LNG industry, NGVi would be it," he added.

"It is important to note that participants in our CNG Fuel System Inspector Certification program are not required to have taken training from NGVi to sit for the exam," noted Thomason. Any technician who is prepared is welcome."

NGVi's CNG Fuel System Inspector certification is valid for five years. The rigorous certification exam is offered live at various locations throughout the country, as well as online via an electronically-proctored exam that can be scheduled individually and taken at a time convenient for the participant.

For more information about NGVi's CNG Fuel System Certification, go to www.ngvi.com/FSI_Certification.html.

About NGVi: Established in 1989, NGVi has worked with hundreds of companies and government agencies throughout the U.S. and worldwide to help successfully integrate natural gas into their transportation mix. NGVi's clients span a vast number of refuse companies, transit fleets, truck operators, commercial fleets, government fleets, school bus fleet operators, vehicle manufacturers, fleet leasing companies and NGV industry members. Clients include Advanced Disposal, Agility Fuel Systems, Central Ohio Transit Authority, Cummins Inc., Casella Waste Systems, Dart Safety Lane, Dean Foods, FedEx Freight, Freightliner, Frito-Lay, Kwik-Trip, Los Angeles MTA, Mack Trucks, McNeilus, MTA New York City Transit, Penske Truck Leasing, Republic Services, Ryder, TravelCenters of America, Tristate Kenworth, UPS, Veolia Transportation, Volvo, Waste Management, Western Peterbilt, and many more.