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Email: StephanieM@pscleanair.orgwww.wwcleancities.org**Four local fleets certified “green” for superb environmental performance
CleanScapes becomes first five-star fleet**

SEATTLE, WA – Four local fleets received top honors for their environmental performance and became certified through the Evergreen Fleets program. The 2012 Evergreen Fleets were announced at a ceremony last night and include CleanScapes, Waste Management, City of Snoqualmie, and Quest Diagnostics.

Evergreen Fleets is a voluntary, tiered certification program that recognizes fleets for making smart, environmentally responsible choices that save fuel, improve operational efficiencies, and reduce air emissions. Evergreen Fleets is the first green fleet certification program of its kind in the nation, and was created by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency and Western Washington Clean Cities in collaboration with a consortium of public fleet managers.

“Evergreen Fleets sets rigorous benchmarks for fleet performance, awarding one-to five-star ratings for fleets making smart, environmentally responsible choices that save fuel, improve operational efficiencies, and reduce air pollution,” said Stephanie Meyn, Coordinator of Western Washington Clean Cities. “The four fleets we’re celebrating today join 6 fleets in becoming certified through this program – and include our first ever 5-star fleet.”

“We commend them for leading the movement toward a more sustainable future for our region,” said Meyn.

“CleanScapes is honored to achieve the first ever five-star rating for our ground-breaking efforts to create a greener, more sustainable fleet,” said Chris Martin, CleanScapes’ founder and president.

2012 Evergreen Fleets:

- **Five-star:** Local waste hauler CleanScapes became the first fleet to achieve a 5-star rating by demonstrating superior best practices in “green” fleet management, increasing its use of alternative fuels such as compressed natural gas and biodiesel, and thereby reducing the greenhouse gas emissions of their fleet.
- **Four-star:** Another local solid waste hauling company, Waste Management, earned a 4-star rating attributed to continued investment in alternative fuels, diesel emission control equipment, and sophisticated software to track fuel economy and use.
- **Four-star:** Quest Diagnostics, a company that provides diagnostic testing and related services to medical providers, also received four stars. Quest Diagnostics achieved this rating by using alternative fuels, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and improving fleet efficiency through driver education and route management software.
- **Three-star:** The City of Snoqualmie received a 3-star rating through a combination of strong fleet management practices and increased investment in alternative fuels.

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Western Washington Clean Cities provides education, technical assistance, access to grant funds and all the resources needed to adopt alternative fuels and technology that contribute to the reduction of petroleum consumption. Initiatives focus on alternative fuels and vehicles, fuel blends, fuel economy, hybrid electric vehicles, and idle reduction.