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Airport BP Offers E85 to Holiday Travelers in VA's Tidewater Area

Airport travelers, drivers can feel warm and fuzzy about their holiday AND fuel

BOCA RATON, Fla. – Airport patrons picking up a flex-fuel rental vehicle, as well as those FFV drivers retreating to the beautiful Tidewater, Va., peninsula this week can now fill up with E85 at Airport BP. Airport BP, a full-service auto repair center and convenience store near Newport News-Williamsburg International Airport, started selling E85 ethanol this month. E85 is a blend of 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline. By opening an E85 station with partner Protec Fuel, Airport BP, open in Newport News since 1977, helps reduce emissions, lower our dependence on foreign oil and spur domestic economic growth.

Protec Fuel, based in Florida, has partnered with Airport BP to provide fuel for the company's new greener burning fuel option and assist with its fuel launch.

"We've been open since 1977, but our business is diversified and keeps evolving," said Airport BP owner Pete Finkenauer. "The natural evolution for us, being in a beautiful coastal region, is offering the consumer an alternative fuel that can help protect our environment. I pursued E85 myself, as it supports American farmers and keeps more money here in the U.S.," he said.

"We are happy to expand our Virginia service," said Todd Garner, CEO of Protec Fuel. "Mr. Finkenauer values giving choice to his customers, as well as lessening his company's impact on the environment," he said. "His location near the airport will hopefully catch the attention of travelers and car rental companies with flex-fuel vehicles."

There are more E85-fueled vehicles than any other alternate fuel vehicle in tracked fleets in Virginia. This makes Virginia's ninth public E85 station. Protec contributed to four of these projects.

"We are very excited to see continual growth of cleaner domestic ethanol stations in Virginia," said Alleyn Harned, Executive Director of Virginia Clean Cities. "With hundreds of thousands of Flex Fuel vehicles in Virginia, E85 at stations like Airport BP are great way for fleets and individuals to use a cleaner domestic option." Virginia Clean Cities is a local nonprofit clean air and domestic fuel advancement program based in Harrisonburg, Va. Additional information can be found at vacleancities.org.

Besides its environmental and energy security benefits, E85 also sells for less than conventional gasoline in this market.

Airport BP is a service station offering both self and full service fill-ups and a complete auto repair center, and it also has attendants on hand seven days a week to assist with handicapped and propane service.

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About Protec Fuel: Protec Fuel is a fuel distribution and management company based in Boca Raton, Fla., specializing in turnkey ethanol programs for retailers, fleets and fuel distributors throughout the U.S. Its comprehensive approach includes ethanol supply; financial risk management programs; site selection and dispenser installation; and RINS management. Protec supplies fuel, either directly or through distribution partners, or conducts installation for over 200 E85 stations. For more, please visit www.protecfuel.com.