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Mark – let me know if you'd like to visit our technology center and meet our fleet people (in Davis).

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Green Fleet Magazine posted a story about PG&E receiving the Clean Air Champion Award from the East Bay Clean Cities Coalition. Dave Meisel, PG&E's director of transportation services, was quoted.

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By staff

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http://www.greenfleetmagazine.com/news/51411/pge-named-clean-air-champion-for-e-wims-bucket-trucks?utm_source=Green-Fleet-Enews-20130213&utm_source=Email&utm_medium=Enewsletter

PG&E, a Top 50 Green Fleet, was honored Feb. 12 by the East Bay Clean Cities Coalition for its Electric Worksite Idle Management system (e-WIMS) bucket trucks manufactured by Altec Industries.

The Clean Air Champion Award recognizes superior achievement or sustained excellence in the alternative fuel and advanced technology clean air vehicle field.

Developed by PG&E in partnership with Altec, the e-WIMS advanced technology uses a separate battery system to quietly and efficiently power equipment on the truck while on the job site, eliminating the need for the engine to be idling in order for utility crews to conduct their work, resulting in both reduced emissions and fuel consumption.

PG&E was the first utility in the country to integrate this technology into its fleet vehicles and operates two different models of these trucks — a 37-foot trouble truck and a 55-foot Material Handler. It currently operates 320 of these vehicles in its fleet, with plans to purchase an additional 127 during 2013. By 2017, the utility plans to have more than 700 e-WIMS trucks in its fleet, according to a Feb. 12 release.

“PG&E continues to be an industry leader in the incorporation of green technologies in its utility fleet,” said Richard Battersby, director of the East Bay Clean Cities Coalition, in a Feb. 12 release. “This innovative e-WIMS technology will result in reduced emissions and fuel savings, which will both benefit the environment and reduce fuel consumption.”

In 2011 alone, the utility reported fuel savings of more than \$700,000. Another key benefit of the technology is enhanced worksite safety, since the crews can communicate more easily without the drone of an idling engine, according to PG&E.

Increased productivity is also a bonus, since the quieter operation helps improve the utility’s ability to respond to outages at any time of the day, allowing the vehicles to be operated at extended hours that previously would not have been feasible due to noise concerns and local ordinances.

“We are delighted to receive this honor from the East Bay Clean Cities Coalition,” said **Dave Meisel, PG&E’s director of transportation services.** “These vehicles, thanks to their green technology, are truly cutting edge and will bring great benefits for the environment and the more than 15 million Californians within PG&E’s service area.”

In 2012, PG&E was ranked No. 10 on the Top 50 Green Fleets and No. 11 on the Top 300 Commercial Fleets.

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<http://images.greenfleetmagazine.com/post/M-Battersby-PGE-Clean-Champion-Award-1.jpg>

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Richard Battersby, East Bay Clean Cities director, presented the Clean Air Champion award to **Nina Kisch, manager of transportation services for Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E).**

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