

# FUELS THAT POWER YOUR COMMUNITY: GUIDE TO COMMUNITY RESEARCH

Use the questions below to help you find out which fuels now power your community.

## POSSIBLE RESOURCES

- Someone who pays the utility bills in your home
- The public relations department of your local utility company, public transit authority, department of transportation, and companies or organizations that operate fleets of vehicles
- National Renewable Energy Laboratory web site

## 1. TRANSPORTATION FUEL FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

- Do you ever see buses at the gas station? Where do they refuel?
- Many alternative fuels are being used by fleets of vehicles throughout the United States, such as buses, the postal service, package delivery services, taxis, and government. Do any of these local fleets already use an alternative fuel? If so, where do those fleets refuel? Are these sites private or open to the public?
- Besides gasoline and diesel, which other types of fuel are now available to fuel private automobiles? Where can you obtain them?

## 2. FUEL FOR YOUR POWER GRID

- Diagram 1.3 shows the various sources of energy that might be used to generate power for a regional power grid. Which types of power currently contribute to your electric power grid?
- Are any new sources of power being developed to produce electricity for your community?

### SOURCES OF ELECTRICITY



