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OUR VIEW

Biodiesel maker's success is a good sign for our area

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We are excited to hear that Whole Energy Fuels is looking to expand its operations in our regions.

The company is a local supplier of biodiesel fuel, a more environmentally friendly fuel for diesel engines. The fuel comes from plants and recycled vegetable and animal oils and greases.

The company started out with just a little bit of fuel, distributing it during set times at only a few places. Word of mouth in the environmental community brought conscientious diesel drivers to those meetings to fuel up.

Now the company is moving to the big time — with a regular pump located at the Food Pavilion store in Fairhaven, regular use by large vehicle fleets such as the Ferndale School District, and plans for a production facility in Skagit County sometime in the next year.

Companies like Whole Energy Fuels are on the cutting edge in the next wave of energy creation in our country. Though biofuels are just a tiny part of the market for fuel today, they will have to grow as our country is forced to reduce its reliance on fossil fuels. Biodiesel is a clean, more efficient fuel than petroleum-based diesel. The fact that its use is growing by leaps and bounds in our area is a very good sign.