

SCSU fleet moving away from gasoline

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St. Cloud (AP) - Officials at St. Cloud State want the school to begin using an entire fleet of vehicles powered in part by ethanol.

The school is working to phase out regular fuel and start using as its primary fuel E-85 - a blend of 85% ethanol and 15% petroleum.

Ethanol is made by cooking corn and sometimes other plant material, and it's added to gasoline to increase oxygen in the fuel and make it burn cleaner.

Seventeen of St. Cloud State's 22 vehicles are flexible-fuel vehicles that run on any combination of E-85 and gasoline. The university plans to buy more flexible-fuel vehicles as it rotates the older vehicles out of the fleet.