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Biodiesel reaches new heights

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On November 1st, Green Flight International completed the first biodiesel-powered transcontinental flight from Reno, Nevada to Leesburg, Florida. The majority of the flight was powered by 100% biodiesel, while the final few hundred miles used a 50/50 blend of biodiesel and standard jet fuel.

Flight crew, President and CEO Douglas Rodante and Chief Pilot Carol Sugars, are no strangers to flying with bio-jet fuel. In October 2007, they became the first crew to fly a jet airplane powered entirely on biodiesel. “These flights prove that we have the capability of supplementing our energy requirements with safe, environmentally-friendly alternatives to petroleum,” said Rodante in a November press release. “And the biofuel is produced in the U.S., which essentially negates our dependency on foreign fuel supplies.” Green Flight International’s record-setting accomplishments set a precedent for cleaner, more sustainable air travel.



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