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### Just as Portland Limits Diesel Sales, a Finnish Oil Company Swoops In and Grabs Alternative Fuel

Neste of Finland bought a homegrown maker of biodiesel to feed a plant in California.

By [Anthony Effinger](#)

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In Portland, grease is gold.

Last week, the City Council passed a resolution that will gradually ban the sale of petroleum-based diesel fuel within city limits starting in 2024, a national first. By 2030, the city will require stations to sell only diesel made from low-carbon, renewable sources, such as used cooking oil or animal tallow, aka grease.

It's a noble goal. Diesel burned in vehicles and construction equipment accounts for about 17% of Portland's carbon emissions, according to the city, and it creates black soot that coats Oregon's glaciers and causes them to melt faster.

And, unlike gasoline, diesel has substitutes: biodiesel and so-called renewable diesel, a similar fuel that can be made from all sorts of nonpetroleum feedstocks, such as waste from fish canneries. (Environmentalists prefer the term "nonconventional" diesel because making the stuff requires the addition of hydrogen, which often comes from fracked methane.)

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