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The Cooking Oil Recycling Program of [Blue Ridge Biofuels](#), operating officer of REG, is the company's new CEO. Buncombe County is a unique pilot project to recycle used cooking oil into biodiesel and keep oils and greases out of the wastewater system. Funded by the Biofuels Center of North Carolina, the program is a collaboration between the Metropolitan Sewerage District of Buncombe County, Blue Ridge Biofuels, and Green Opportunities. A new website, [www.cookingoilrecycling.org](http://www.cookingoilrecycling.org), provides the public with information on the program as well as the location of cooking oil recycling bin locations. The first of 35 recycling bins are located at the Buncombe County Landfill and at the newly opened River District Recycling Center. Waste cooking oils are one of the major causes of costly sewer maintenance in Buncombe Co. These sewer overflows are a potential threat to the environment and take up valuable resources of the local public works budgets. The new program seeks to keep waste oils out of the sewers by diverting them to Blue Ridge Biofuels for processing into biodiesel. MSD was the first major purchaser of biodiesel in Buncombe Co. and has been using biodiesel in its fleet of 85 vehicles for more than seven years.