

E-mail from Jim Richards to KLLM All 11-19-09

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## **KLLM Receives Chiquita's 2009 Green Transportation Excellence Award**

KLLM received the honor based on numerous programs the company has in place to improve fuel efficiency, reduce emissions and care for the environment, according to a release from the company.

"An investment in green technology is an investment in the future of our company and will have a positive impact for generations to come," Jim Richards, president and chief executive officer of KLLM, said in the release.

KLLM is a member of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's SmartWay Transport Partnership, and over the last three years has invested millions to improve its overall fuel usage and reduce its carbon footprint, including installing auxiliary power units to 631 trucks and closely monitoring tire inflation, according to the release.

The company has paid more than \$1 million in fuel economy bonuses to drivers who meet stringent idle reduction goals and performed clean idle air upgrades to all of its tractor engines.

Beginning last January, KLLM equipped all new tractors with Detroit Diesel's latest engine model that meets the EPA's 2010 requirements.