

The National Biomass Partnership

Dear Friend of Bioenergy:

You are invited to participate in a national Webinar “National Forum on Cellulosic Ethanol: Status of Technologies and the Future of Ethanol,” hosted by the National Biomass Partnership. The Webinar will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2008 from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (EDT) with a break for lunch. State biomass officials have told us they need the most current and objective information on the status of cellulose-to-ethanol technologies. We designed this forum to meet their need. It will provide a basic understanding of the range and status of cellulose-to-ethanol technologies, and equip biomass officials with information and analytical tools to assess the claims made by technology developers. Therefore, it should strengthen state official’s ability to advise legislators, governors and other state policymakers. The Webinar will also address the future of ethanol, particularly how the ethanol, petroleum and automobile industries might respond to the new federal Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS).

The Webinar will combine live conference-like presentations by distinguished, nationally recognized experts, with the convenience of “attending” via your own computer. To participate, you will need high speed Internet access and the following system requirements:

- PC-based attendees: Windows® 2000, XP Home, XP Pro, 2003 Server, or Vista
- Macintosh®-based attendees: Mac OS® X 10.3.9 (Panther®) or newer

You must register in advance on-line for the Webinar at: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/435842209>. If you do not register in advance, then you will be unable to join the Webinar. Your registration confirmation will include specific instructions about how to participate in the Webinar. **The deadline for registration is Friday, April 18.**

The National Biomass Partnership is committed to providing objective, reliable, timely information on a broad range of biomass topics. The Partnership is a collaboration of four regional Governors’ organizations – the Coalition of Northeastern Governors (CONEG) Policy Research Center, Inc., the Council of Great Lakes Governors (CGLG), the Southern States Energy Board (SSEB), and the Western Governors’ Association (WGA) – and the Pacific Regional Biomass Partnership hosted by Washington State University. Together, the Partnership represents all 50 states, two territories and the District of Columbia.

We look forward to your involvement in this important conference.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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National Biomass Partnership Webinar

National Forum on Ethanol: Status of Cellulose to Ethanol Technologies and the Future of Ethanol/Gasoline Formulations Under the Federal Renewable Fuels Standards

April 23, 2008
Preliminary Agenda

11:00 - 11:05 a.m.

Introduction to the Webinar
Rick Handley, Director, Northeast Regional Biomass Program

11:05 – 1:00 p.m.

Cellulose to Ethanol Technologies: Current Status and Future Prospects

Speakers:

Paul E. Grabowski
Office of Biomass Programs, U.S. Department of Energy

Dr. Tom Richard
Department of Agriculture and Biological Engineering
Pennsylvania State University

Each presentation will be followed by 10-15 minutes of questions from Webinar participants

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Break for Lunch

2:00 – 4:25 p.m.

Running on Ethanol: What Will it Take to Implement the Federal RFS?

A panel of experts representing major stakeholders will interact with webinar participants to address the challenges and opportunities of introducing more ethanol into Nation's gasoline pool under the federal Renewal Fuel Standard. Panelists will discuss the potential role of regional and state actions in implementation of the RFS.

Panelists:

Alliance of Automobile Manufactures, Ellen Shapiro
Clean Fuels Development Coalition, Doug Durante
Outdoor Power Equipment Institute, Kris Kiser
Renewable Fuels Association, Bob Dinneen

Invited:

General Motors
U.S. EPA
National Petrochemical & Refiners Association
Independent Fuel Terminal Operators Association

4:25 – 4:30 p.m.

Closing Remarks
Rick Handley, Northeast Regional Biomass Program