

Biodiesel in Vermont

On September 22, 2004 at the Vermont Statehouse join fuel, energy and environmental experts, state policy makers, Vermont entrepreneurs and economic development and agriculture stakeholders for a day-long workshop on biodiesel.

Learn about the economic, energy and environmental context of biodiesel. Discuss distribution, production and air quality issues and take part in the early-stage development of this exciting new Vermont industry.

LEARN



How biodiesel is produced from renewable resources such as waste grease and seed oil crops like soy, canola, mustard and others.

MEET



Vermonters involved in the biofuels industry and others who have successfully used biodiesel in private, non-profit and government sectors

PARTICIPATE



In discussions regarding the issues and challenges facing the production and use of biodiesel in Vermont and what steps policy makers should be taking

Vermont Agency of Transportation
Biodiesel Workshop
National Life Bldg - Drawer 33
Montpelier, VT 05633-5001

VERMONT BIODIESEL WORKSHOP



Nurturing a Sustainable Biodiesel Industry In Vermont

September 22, 2004

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

The Vermont Statehouse
Montpelier

The Vermont Biodiesel Workshop is sponsored by the VT Agency of Transportation with support from: Northeast Regional Biomass Program, VT Agency of Agriculture, VT Agency of Natural Resources, VT Dept. of Buildings and General Services, VT Dept. of Public Service, VT Biofuels Association, and VT Sustainable Jobs Fund



Biodiesel is a fuel produced from resources such as waste grease and seed oil crops. The workshop's purpose is to provide answers to many of the commonly asked questions about biodiesel production and use and lay the foundation for future state activities related to this renewable energy source.

AGENDA

- Continental Breakfast and Registration**
- Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Patricia A. McDonald, Transportation Secretary and Lieutenant Governor Brian Dubie
- Morning Panel Discussions**
 - ◆ Industry Overview
 - ◆ Supply, Feedstock and Production
 - ◆ Market and Economic Conditions
- Lunch in Statehouse Cafeteria**
With a talk by Bill McKibben; "Biodiesel: Global Challenges-Local Solutions"
- Afternoon Panel Discussion**
 - ◆ Environmental Issues Round Table
- Full Group Discussion**
The State's Role in Nurturing a Sustainable Biodiesel Industry in Vermont

For more information on the workshop and to register on-line visit:
www.aot.state.vt.us/planning/biodiesel.htm

MORNING PANELS

Industry Overview
 What is going on in Vermont and in New England with biodiesel? Can it make a difference? What are the key issues? Hear from Rick Handley (Northeast Biomass Energy Program), Dave Bonta (Global E. Industries, Ltd), and Netaka White (VT Biofuels Association). Moderating: VT Department of Public Service

Supply, Feedstock and Production
 Who will supply biodiesel in Vermont? What are the opportunities and challenges for agriculture? What other products and by-products are possible? Hear from Dave Lane (VT Agency of Agriculture), Greg Liebert (Vermont's Alternative Energy Corporation), Bob Foster (VT Natural Ag Products), and Tom Moreau (Chittenden County Solid Waste District). Moderating: Ed Delhagen, (VT Sustainable Jobs Fund)

Market and Economic Conditions
 What market sectors would benefit from using biodiesel? What is the potential for job growth? Hear from Sabrina Trupia (Vermont's Alternative Energy Corporation), Jim Mersereau (Cranmore Ski Area, NH), Shane Sweet (VT Fuel Dealers Association), and Steve Russell (City of Keene, NH-invited). Moderating: Rich Smith, (VT Dept of Economic Development)

LUNCH PRESENTATION

Bill McKibben is the author of *The End of Nature* and other books. He is currently a scholar in residence at Middlebury College.

AFTERNOON PANEL

Environmental Issues Round Table
 What are the environmental benefits of biodiesel? What are the concerns? What part could biodiesel play in Vermont's energy future? Hear from Steve Howell (Marc IV Consulting), Harold Garabedian (VT Dept. Environmental Conservation), Melinda Treadwell (Keene State College, NH - invited), Ken Jones (Green Mtn. Institute), Robert Costanza (Gund Institute for Ecological Economics - invited). Moderating: Nan Jenks-Jay, (Middlebury College)

FULL GROUP DISCUSSION
 Participants will breakout with workshop presenters and state officials to discuss future state activities.

REGISTRATION FORM

On-line registration is encouraged

Name: _____
 Representing: _____
 Mailing Address: _____

 Phone Number: _____
 Email Address: _____

Workshop Cost: Pre-registered-\$15.00/person. Day of the workshop-\$25.00. Make checks to: Vermont Agency of Transportation Biodiesel Workshop

check enclosed will pay at the door

Please answer the following questions to help plan an informative workshop:

What topics are you most interested in?
 Market and Economic Conditions
 Biodiesel and Vermont Agriculture
 Environmental Issues
 Other _____

What specific issues or concerns do you have regarding the production and use of biodiesel in VT? [Use separate sheet and attach if necessary]

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