

THE NATIONAL BIOMASS PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES UPDATE
March 2006

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| 1. State | Connecticut |
| 2. Activity | Biodiesel Home Delivery |
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7. Activity Description (Be brief – few sentences.)

Consumers in Connecticut can now get biodiesel delivered to their home in 55-gallon drums. Greenleaf Biofuels LLC has announced the availability of B100 “Biodezl”™ for home delivery. Greenleaf Biofuels delivers B100 “Biodezl” in 55-gallon drums and can be ordered with a Personal Fueling Station (pump). The drum and pump combo allows consumers to fill up at home with ASTM quality biodiesel or splash blend the biodiesel with diesel in the vehicle’s fuel tank.

8. Web link (if applicable)

www.greenleafbiofuels.com

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| 1. State | Idaho |
| 2. Activity | Construction of Idaho's First Commercial Biodiesel Production Facility |
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7. Activity Description (Be brief – few sentences.)

A 10 million per year biodiesel plant is now under construction in New Plymouth, Idaho. The plant is designed for 10 million gallons of biodiesel production a year and the developers' goal is to produce 200,000 by the first of May.

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| 1. State | Iowa |
| 2. Activity | Iowa Biomass Partnership activities |
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7. Activity Description (Be brief – few sentences.)

The Iowa Values Fund (\$325,000) for E85 stations and biodiesel facilities has been allocated for FY06. New money (\$325,000) will be available July 1, at which time the selection committee will meet to review applications for the first round of FY07. During FY06, 15 E85 stations and 2 biodiesel facilities were approved for funding.

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| 1. State | Massachusetts |
| 2. Activity | State Issues Biodiesel RFP |
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7. Activity Description (Be brief – few sentences.)

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts issued a solicitation for biodiesel for blending with diesel D2 (ASTM 975). This is the first time the state has bid for biodiesel. The bid specifications call for biodiesel to meet ASTM D6751 with additional cloud and pour point requirements. The state plans to use the B20 in summer and B5 in winter.

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| 1. State | Michigan |
| 2. Activity | Biomass energy education for rural sector; USDA grant and loan outreach |
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7. Activity Description (Be brief – few sentences.)

The Michigan Biomass Energy Program has been collaborating with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and Department of Agriculture in the planning of Michigan’s first “Harvesting Agri-Energy” Conference, which was held on March 15, 2006 in Saginaw, Michigan. The conference is designed to reach out to farmers and rural Michiganders about the potential of biomass energy and biofuels as part of the agrarian based “bioeconomy.” At this event, there was a table staffed by USDA Rural Development to help potential applicants with Farm Bill and VAPG information and forms. The larger objective of this inaugural event is to rally stakeholders for development of an agri-energy strategy for Michigan, and use subsequent agri-energy conferences to advance this strategy.

8. Web link (if applicable)

www.michigan.gov/deqworkshops
www.michigan.gov/biomass

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| 1. State | Ohio |
| 2. Activity | Distributed Generation and EPAct 2005 |
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7. Activity Description (Be brief – few sentences.)

The PUC of Ohio is reviewing provisions of the Federal Energy Policy Act of 2005 with regard to net metering, smart metering and demand response, cogeneration and power production purchase and sale requirements, and interconnection issues. The schedule for four technical conferences to be held in February-April is posted on the web site. Staff of the Ohio Biomass Energy Program is helping to coordinate this series and involve speakers with regard to biomass and renewable energy sources. The March 9 conference included speakers on anaerobic digestion and diversifying farm energy portfolios.

Staff also participated in the March 3 workshop “Initiatives for U.S Energy Independence” hosted by Senator George V. Voinovich and the Ohio University Consortium for Energy, Economics and the Environment in Columbus, with regard to Ohio’s efforts to reduce dependence on foreign energy sources.

8. Web link (if applicable)

http://www.puco.ohio.gov/puco/docketing/DocketingInformation.cfm?doc_id=1683

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| 1. State | Vermont |
| 2. Activity | Clean Energy Fund Report |
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7. Activity Description (Be brief – few sentences.)

The Vermont Clean Energy Fund has singled out biomass CHP and renewable energy generation on farms as key target areas for the State. “There is great demand for expansion of anaerobic digester technology in Vermont, not only for renewable energy generation, but also to address manure management requirements of mid-sized farms.” The Clean Energy Fund was established by the Vermont General Assembly in 2005 to promote the development of cost-effective and environmentally sustainable electric power resources.

8. Web link (if applicable)

<http://publicservice.vermont.gov/pub/other/cleanenergyfundreport.pdf>

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| 1. State | Washington |
| 2. Activity | Passage of Biomass Legislation in Washington |
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7. Activity Description (Be brief – few sentences.)

The Washington State Legislature has now passed some key bioenergy legislation and funding as follows:

- 1) A renewable fuels standard ESSB 6508 is on the Governor’s desk for signature. It has a 2% biodiesel and 2% ethanol standard effective 12/1/2008. Renewable diesel was not included.
- 2) An Energy Freedom Program at the Washington Department of Agriculture E3SHB 2939 is on the Governor’s desk for signature. It provides a framework for funding bioenergy projects and research. The operating budget provides \$23,000,000 for the new energy freedom account. The capital budget provides the following funding:
 - a) \$6,000,000 for a biopower project at Grays Harbor PUD/Grays Harbor Paper;
 - b) \$10,250,000 for five oilseed crushers; and
 - c) \$6,750,000 for undesignated bioenergy projects, research and Energy Freedom Program operations.
- 3) \$225,000 of initial funding from the Department of Ecology’s Beyond Waste Program was provided for development of a technology matrix and economic assessment as a follow-up to the Washington Biomass Inventory and Bioenergy Assessment. In addition, initial funding was provided for research on a high solids digester.
- 4) \$98,000 was provided to the WSU Extension Energy Program for biofuels consumer education and outreach.

8. Web link (if applicable)

<http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Passed%20Legislature/6508-S.PL.pdf>
<http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Pdf/Bills/House%20Passed%20Legislature/2939-S3.PL.pdf>