

Governor's Council on Biofuels: Infrastructure Subcommittee 8/11/2020 Mtg.

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Agenda

1:00 p.m. – Welcome, orientation, and overview of agenda

1:30 p.m. – Introductions

1:55 p.m. – Discussion of subcommittee interests in outcome

2:25 p.m. – Next steps

2:30 p.m. – Adjourn

Interest-Based Problem Solving

Only
Proposals
That
Include
Others'
Needs
Succeed

Draft Vision Statement

The state moves rapidly to establish E15 as a base fuel. In addition, the state will adopt policies and programs to foster robust development of biofuels in Minnesota, and market access over the coming decades. This will be done in ways that:

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
- Complement state efforts to decarbonize the transportation sector;
- Protect and enhance air quality and public health, water quality, wildlife habitat, biodiversity, soil productivity and other associated ecological services, and ensure healthy and vibrant forest-reliant communities;
- Improve the economic vitality of the state, particularly in rural Minnesota and in the renewable energy, agricultural, and forest sectors;
- Reduce fuel costs;
- Financially reward farmers for environmental stewardship, particularly for agronomic practices that lower carbon intensity of biofuels feedstock and have other environmental and public health benefits;
- Improve infrastructure in order to prepare for mid-level blends;
- Educate the public on compatibility and performance of biofuels in vehicles, and on biofuels' comparative benefits to public health and the environment.

Draft Principles

Recommendations will:

- Advise the Governor, and the Commissioners of the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Commerce, and the Pollution Control Agency on the role of biofuels in reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- Include policies and programs that:
 - Foster growth and use of biofuels including higher blends and supporting policies
 - Accelerate achievement of the petroleum replacement goals outlined in Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 239.7911
 - Advance and invest in carbon efficiency improvements of biofuels plants and sources of biofuels feedstock
 - Utilize biofuels to help Minnesota achieve its greenhouse gas reduction goals under the 2007 Next Generation Energy Act
 - Identify the biofuels infrastructure required to achieve the petroleum replacement goals
 - Recommend cost-effective incentives necessary to expedite the use of greater biofuel blends in this state, including but not limited to incentives for retailers to install equipment necessary to dispense biofuels to the public
- Consider the relation of biofuels production to the impacts to, and opportunities for, farmers, rural communities, the natural environment, and economically disadvantaged populations
- Consider the feasibility and cost of increasing biofuels infrastructure throughout Minnesota