

WHAT MEMBERS ARE SAYING

"Membership in the RFA provides my company with access to the timely information necessary to succeed in a highly competitive industry."

~Bill Lee, General Manager,
Chippewa Valley Ethanol Co.

"Everyone in the ethanol industry benefits from the RFA's work. Being a producer member allows me a voice at the table when setting industry policies."

~Tom Branhan, General Manager,
Glacial Lakes Energy, LLC

"No other organization provides the comprehensive representation of the industry's interests, including legislative, regulatory and technical issues, and opportunities for new uses and new markets."

~Rick Serie, General Manager,
Great Plains Ethanol, LLC

"The RFA is regarded as one of the most effective trade associations in Washington. It has helped establish the U.S. ethanol industry as the fastest growing renewable energy industry in the world."

~Ron Miller, President,
Aventine Renewable Energy, Inc.

INFORMATION

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"The Voice of the Ethanol Industry"

Representing the U.S. ethanol industry since 1981

MISSION

As the national trade association for the U.S. fuel ethanol industry, the Renewable Fuels Association (RFA) has been the "Voice of the Ethanol Industry" since 1981. The RFA serves as a vital link between the ethanol industry and the federal government, including the Congress and Administration, to promote increased production and use of ethanol through supportive policies, regulations, and research & development initiatives. The RFA also works with state governments, agriculture, petroleum, environment and public interest groups, and ethanol advocates across the country.

The RFA is recognized nationwide as a highly effective and professional organization dedicated to the continued vitality and growth of ethanol in the fuel marketplace. The RFA hosts the annual National Ethanol Conference: Policy & Marketing.

OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Promote federal, state and local government policies, programs and initiatives that encourage expanded ethanol use
- ▶ Provide technically accurate and timely information to auto manufacturers and technicians, the media, policy makers, marketers and refiners, and the general public
- ▶ Participate in educational activities to increase public awareness regarding renewable fuels and the positive contribution they make to American energy independence, the economy and the environment
- ▶ Provide RFA members with the information necessary for informed business decisions

MEMBERSHIP

RFA membership includes a broad cross-section of businesses, individuals and organizations dedicated to the expansion of the U.S. fuel ethanol industry.

Membership includes:

- ▶ Producer Members (public and private companies and farmer-owned cooperatives)
- ▶ Prospective Producer Members (plants under construction and development)
- ▶ Associate Members (companies that provide products and services to the industry)
- ▶ Supporting Members (non-profit organizations, academia and government entities)

The RFA is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of a representative from each producer member. The Board meets several times a year to set Association policy. RFA producer members represent 90% of U.S. fuel ethanol production.

BENEFITS

Benefits of membership are varied and include:

- ▶ Providing input on RFA policies, activities and priorities through participation in RFA meetings
- ▶ Timely industry alerts and issue briefs
- ▶ Industry publications and studies
- ▶ Ethanol Report newsletter
- ▶ Access to technical guidelines and specifications for plant operations and blending
- ▶ Reduced registration fee for National Ethanol Conference
- ▶ Link on the RFA web site

A more detailed list of benefits by membership level is available from the RFA or by visiting the RFA web site at www.ethanolrfa.org

COMMITTEES

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE | Provides sound technical industry data regarding the production, blending, distribution, and performance of ethanol fuels. The Committee develops industry standards in coordination with the American Society for Testing & Materials (ASTM). Committee publications include:

- ▶ Gasoline Ethanol Blends Program Operations Guide
- ▶ Fuel Ethanol: Industry Guidelines, Specifications and Procedures
- ▶ Quality Assurance/Quality Control
- ▶ Ethanol Transportation & Distribution Guide

CO-PRODUCTS COMMITTEE | Formed to pursue issues relevant to co-products such as distillers grains. The focus areas include research, education and regulations. Members are committed to taking a proactive facilitative role in providing sound industry data regarding the production, distribution, trade and performance of co-products.

PLANT & EMPLOYEE SAFETY COMMITTEE | Working to develop recommendations that will assist ethanol plants in meeting Process Safety Management Standards (PSMS). The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requires the proper training of plant personnel in the safety procedures of an ethanol plant. OSHA requires and the RFA recommends that each plant establish a PSMS.

ADVANCING NEW USES | In addition to the standing committees, the RFA strives to advance ethanol use beyond traditional markets.

- ▶ RFA Fuel Cell Task Force
- ▶ Founding Member, E diesel™ Consortium



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