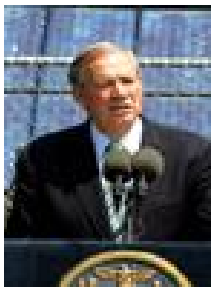




## NEW YORK GOVERNOR JOINS GOVERNORS' ETHANOL COALITION

Recently, **New York Governor George Pataki (R)** accepted the invitation to join the **Governors' Ethanol Coalition (GEC)**. Pataki is the first governor from a northeastern state to join the bipartisan coalition.



NY Governor  
George Pataki

Upon accepting the invitation, Governor Pataki said, "**New York State** is a national leader in the use of renewable energy, and we're committed to finding new ways to diversify our energy supplies and increase our use of ethanol and other renewable fuels. We have now industries here in the Empire State that will boost the production of clean, renewable, homegrown

fuels and help to decrease our dependence on foreign energy sources. I am particularly interested in developing cellulosic ethanol, an effort being led by research institutions at **SUNY-ESF** and **Cornell**. As we continue these efforts, I look forward to sharing ideas and strategies with governors in the coalition and working together to build a brighter energy future for our State and nation."

The GEC, chaired by **Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty**, includes the governors of 31 states and representatives from five foreign nations. The coalition is committed to promoting the use of ethanol as a viable alternative fuel by: raising awareness and demonstrating the benefits of ethanol use; encouraging production, and research and development efforts; and making infrastructure investments to support the expansion of the ethanol market.

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## WISCONSIN DNR SUPPORTS 10% ETHANOL REQUIREMENT

Last month, ethanol advocates testified before a **Wisconsin State Assembly Committee** concerning the benefits of a 10 percent ethanol blend mandate in Wisconsin. At that hearing, the **Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources** defended a report they commissioned claiming such an ethanol mandate would increase toxic air emissions. The WI DNR has reversed that position and is now supporting the 10 percent requirement.

"How can ethanol be bad when ethanol is part of the reformulated gasoline used in southeast Wisconsin specifically to help them get out of non-attainment?" said **Al Shea, Administrator for the Division of Air and Waste Management at DNR**. Shea says as far as the DNR is concerned, the benefits of 10 percent ethanol far outweigh any drawbacks.

Last week, **DNR Secretary Scott Hassett** sent a letter to the authors of the bill, **State Senator Sheila Harsdorf** and **State Representative Steve Freese**, saying, "With regard to the impact of AB 15/SB 15 on ozone formation in southeast Wisconsin, the Department does not believe passage of the bill, if your amendment were to pass, will impact the strategies needed to meet federal requirements for ozone or interstate transport of air pollution."

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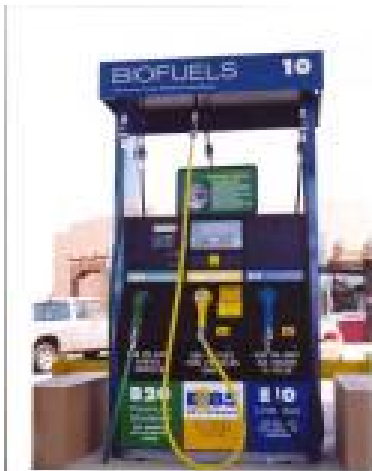
The coalition supports the production of ethanol from corn or other domestic, renewable resources using sustainable agricultural methods.

Within the next year, up to three ethanol plants are expected to begin production in New York State, including **Northeast Biofuels** in Fulton. The Northeast Biofuels plant would be the largest ethanol plant in the Northeast, with a capacity to produce 100 million gallons annually. The Fulton biofuel site also will be home to a 5 million gallons/year biodiesel production facility built and operated by **NextGen Fuel, Inc.** of Potsdam. These plants are important components of increasing New York's use of renewable energy, helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, create new market opportunities for farmers, and foster rural economic development.

More information on the GEC is available at [www.ethanol-gec.org](http://www.ethanol-gec.org).

## GOOD THINGS COME IN THREES

E10 gasoline is great. E85 is even better. And who can forget about B20? Ethanol and biodiesel, as we all know, are big wins for rural communities and our country as a whole. But what if you could access all three fuels at the same pump?



Source: Renewable Energy Partners of New Mexico

Triple Your Pleasure: E10, E85 and B20 fuel pump in downtown Santa Fe.

Downtown **Santa Fe, New Mexico** now boasts such a pump. The pump is sponsored by **Renewable Energy Partners of New Mexico** and is believed to be the first pump of its kind in the nation.

The group describes the pump as “Something for Everyone. No Driver Left Behind.”

## “ETHANOL INDUSTRY GROWING RAPIDLY”

An Article By Robert Pore  
Grand Island Independent

The following are excerpts from a story appearing in the **Grand Island (NE) Independent**, October 21, 2005.

AURORA – “The nation's ethanol industry is on a fast track to surpass export markets as the second-largest user of corn in this country, according to **Bob Dinneen, president and CEO of the Renewable Fuels Association.**

“‘Because the export markets have been stagnated for quite some time now, by the end of next year there will be more corn used in the production of ethanol than for exports,’ he said. ‘It will be the second-largest market for corn for this nation's farmers...’

Dinneen said the ethanol industry has seen phenomenal growth in recent years as it has spread from its Midwest roots to both coasts. He said **California** now consumes more than 1 billion gallons of ethanol annually and **New York** uses 500 million gallons.

“The ethanol industry is now responsible for about \$6 billion in net income for farmers, Dinneen said.

“He said one-third of the nation's fuel supply is now blended with ethanol.

“‘Ten years ago when this plant started, nobody thought we would have seen the kind of growth that we had,’ Dinneen said. ‘These people (**Nebraska Energy**) really took a chance when they started this plant.’

“Early this year, Congress passed a comprehensive energy bill that contained a **renewable fuels standard** that calls for this country's use of renewable fuels to grow to 7.5 billion gallons by 2012.

“Dinneen said the renewable fuels standard will go into effect in January when the nation's ethanol industry is already producing more than 4 billion gallons annually.

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## HAPPENINGS IN THE ETHANOL INDUSTRY

### Nebraska Energy Celebrates a Decade in Ethanol

Nebraska Energy, LLC, and partner company Aventine Renewable Energy, celebrated a decade of production and service at the facility in Aurora, Nebraska on October 20, 2005.

In honor of this milestone, RFA President Bob Dinneen said, "Ten years ago, oil was \$16 a barrel and gas sold for \$1.15 a gallon. If we have learned anything over the past ten years, it is that the United States must maximize the production and use of renewable fuels to protect its economy, its environment and its future. We have come a long way in our efforts to increase the production and use of ethanol, and I want to salute Nebraska Energy, and partner company Aventine Renewable Energy, for their contributions to the ethanol industry for the past 10 years."

### Prairie Ethanol, LLC Breaks Ground in South Dakota

Prairie Ethanol, LLC broke ground on a new 60 million gallon a year facility near Loomis, SD on October 12, 2005. The plant is being built by Broin Companies.

"The ethanol industry has helped to revitalize rural communities across South Dakota, as the state is now among the nation's leaders in production capacity," said RFA President Bob Dinneen. "The future is bright and I am pleased to welcome Prairie Ethanol to the rapidly expanding fraternity of U.S. ethanol producers."

### **TEXAS JOINS RANKS OF E85 STATES**

The first public E85 pump is now in operation in San Antonio, Texas. CleanFUEL USA, is selling the ethanol at the Bexar County Fleet Maintenance Building on southbound Interstate 35, just south of Binz Engleman for those familiar with the area.

Excitement about offering the cleaner-burning fuel was evident. "We're striking a blow for liberty, that's for sure," Bexar County Commissioner Tommy Adkisson said.

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"The renewable fuels standard was always intended to be a floor, not a ceiling," he said. "We expect ethanol demand to be far stronger than the minimum floor that Congress has set."

"Because of the rapid growth of the nation's ethanol industry, Dinneen said, "I believe the industry today will be unrecognizable from the industry five years from now..."

Dinneen noted the future of the industry lies beyond corn and other grains as the sole feedstock.

"Once we are able to process ethanol from a wider variety of sources, then the sky is the limit for the industry," Dinneen said.

"He said when gasoline prices soared over the \$3 per gallon mark, along with the growing realization that more than 60 percent of our country's energy needs comes from overseas, that opened the eyes of many Americans to the need for domestic, renewable fuel sources.

"We have to do something," Dinneen said. "It was a clarion call to the entire nation that we cannot remain dependent on petroleum for our fuel supply. China is not going to go away. India is not going to go away. Demand for petroleum is going to continue to surge. And if we are not smart and don't expand our domestic renewable energy infrastructure and resources today, then we have nobody but ourselves to blame."

## WASHINGTON WATCH

### Senator Obama Introduces Renewable Diesel Standard Legislation, S. 920

Senator Barack Obama (D-IL) introduced a Renewable Diesel Standard bill calling for 2 billion gallons of biodiesel use annually by 2015. When introducing the bill, Obama said, "...hundreds of millions of gallons of [bio]diesel are within the timeline proposed in my legislation, making another small, but bold, step to create jobs in rural America, strengthen our economic security, and improve air quality. A Renewable Diesel Standard is the right course for the nation's future."



## ETHANOL'S NEW LOOK ONLINE New Website Offers More Info, Tools

The **Renewable Fuels Association (RFA)** recently launched its new-look website, still at the same address [www.ethanolRFA.org](http://www.ethanolRFA.org). The site seeks to offer more information about the benefits of ethanol, dispel those arguments from ethanol's critics, and be a resource for reporters, RFA members, and anyone interested in ethanol.

"The Internet is a key tool in educating consumers about the benefits of ethanol," said **RFA President Bob Dinneen**. "With the launch of this retooled website, we are hoping visitors are able to find the information they need quickly while also staying up-to-date on events impacting the ethanol industry. I certainly encourage everyone to visit the site and see for themselves."

Highlights of the site include updated statistics for the ethanol industry, breaking news from RFA, and a focus on current events having an impact on ethanol. Please visit us at [www.ethanolRFA.org](http://www.ethanolRFA.org).

## RFA ON THE ROAD

Throughout the year, the **Renewable Fuels Association** staff spends many days on the road promoting ethanol and meeting with members. Over the summer, the RFA logged over 5000 miles across the country.

In August, RFA Vice President Larry Schafer spent an afternoon with **Steve Wagner** at the **Merrick/Coors** plant in Golden, CO, one of the newest Members of the RFA. Merrick/Coors has been in the ethanol business for many years and has specifically benefited from the work done by the RFA to modify the **small ethanol producer tax credit**.

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The success of Merrick/Coors provides a good example of the production of high quality ethanol from a small plant using waste materials.



One of the 26 E85 Chevy Avalanches, donated to the GEC by GM, sits outside the Merrick/Coors ethanol plant in Golden, Colorado. The plant produces 1.5 million gallons a year.

Other stops along the road tour include:



Left: Frank Kirschenheiter, Project Coordinator of Red Tail Energy in Richardton, North Dakota, poses with E85 Chevy Avalanche. The plant will produce 50 million gallons annually.

Right: Congressman Mark Souders (R-3<sup>rd</sup> IN) poses with Nate Kimple, President & CEO of New Energy, Bryan Dellman, from Dellman Oil Company during the grand opening of an E85 pump in Wakarusa, IN.



Left: RFA's own Larry Schafer fills 'er up while on the road.