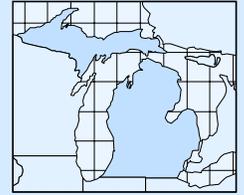


Michigan Ethanol Working Group News



Who We Are

The Ethanol Working Group (EWG) is a coalition of private and non-profit organizations, universities, and local and state government agencies interested in the promotion of ethanol in Michigan.

Contact Information

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Additional ethanol information is available on the Michigan Biomass Energy Program website at <http://michiganbioenergy.org> and the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan website at www.micorn.org

EWG Activities

Ethanol Products is guest speaker at April meeting

Mark DeVries from Ethanol Products, LLC was the featured speaker at the April Ethanol Working Group (EWG) meeting. Ethanol Products will be the marketer for the new ethanol production facility in Caro, Michigan. In addition to the Caro facility, Ethanol Products provides marketing services for 13 other ethanol plants. DeVries met with the EWG to discuss their marketing plans, the current distribution infrastructure for ethanol in Michigan, and how the group might assist with their efforts. Ethanol Products is looking to increase Michigan's current 80 million gallon per year ethanol market. DeVries told the group that 500 million gallons of ethanol would be used in Michigan if all the state's gasoline included a 10% ethanol blend.

Michigan's AFV Day Odyssey a great success

EWG member Jim Pitts shared an evaluation summary for the AFV Day Odyssey at the April EWG meeting. Highlights from the event included tours to the EPA National Vehicle and Fuel Emissions Lab and a presentation by University of Michigan professor-Dr. Levi Thompson on fuel cell technology. The event was sponsored by Lansing Community College, Michigan Clean Cities Coalitions, and the National Alternative Fuels Training Consortium.

Additional Updates

Kettering University ties for 1st place at SAE Clean Snowmobile Challenge

Kettering University (KU) and the University of Idaho will share top honors for the 2002 Society of Automotive Engineers Clean Snowmobile Challenge. In this year's challenge 15 schools competed to produce snowmobiles that were quieter, more fuel efficient and cleaner than current models without sacrificing performance. In addition to their first place overall award, KU also received honors for the Quietest Snowmobile, Most Practical, and Best Value. The 2003 challenge will be hosted by Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Michigan.

Debate continues on the cost of a Renewable Fuels Standard

The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) has released information, which contradicts earlier claims that a renewable fuels standard would increase gasoline prices by 4 to 9 cents per gallon. The new EIA report states that the standard would probably add only .5 cents per gallon to the cost for gasoline. The report is posted on their website at www.eia.doe.gov.

DOE Announces Funding Opportunity for E-85 Development

As part of their Broad Based Solicitation, the U.S. Dept. of Energy has announced the availability of up to \$1.2 million for E-85 infrastructure development and promotion strategies. Projects should include educational and marketing tools geared towards consumers and fleets and address how to increase awareness of flex-fuel vehicles and E-85 station locations. Additional information on this solicitation is available on the Michigan Biomass Energy Program website at <http://michiganbioenergy.org> under "Project Funding".