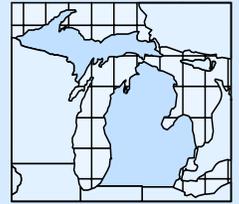


# Michigan Ethanol Working Group News



## 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 promoting ethanol production and use in Michigan. The group meets monthly to discuss current ethanol issues and to work on group projects.

## Contact Information

If you are interested in receiving the *Michigan Ethanol Working Group News* and/or have ethanol-related information you would like to submit for this publication, contact Kelly Launder, Michigan Biomass Energy Program Coordinator at (517) 241-6223 or by email at: [klaund@michigan.gov](mailto:klaund@michigan.gov)

Additional ethanol information is available on the Michigan Biomass Energy Program website at <http://michiganbioenergy.org>

## EWG Activities

The EWG reconvened this month after a summer recess. It was announced at the September meeting that Vince Parris will be retiring from state government and relinquishing his current position as EWG chair. The EWG would like to thank Vince for his work with the group and his dedication to the ethanol industry over the years. We wish him well on his future endeavors. A new chairperson, group objectives and committee projects for the next 12 months will be determined at the October meeting. Additional items discussed at the meeting are included in the updates below.

## Ethanol Plant Update

The 40 MGY ethanol plant being constructed in Caro, Michigan is nearing completion. The plant, which will utilize up to 40,000 bushels of corn a day, will begin receiving corn in October and be in full operation in November. There will be an open house at the plant on October 28th and tours of the plant will be available to the public.

## Additional Updates

### **Kettering proves ethanol use would lower snowmobile emissions**

As part of the 2002 Clean Snowmobile Challenge, Kettering University modified a snowmobile to run on ethanol blends up to 85%. When compared to a two-stroke control snowmobile, their snowmobile had emission reductions of 36.6% in unburned hydrocarbons (UHC) and 72.5% in carbon monoxide when operating on 10% ethanol blends (E10). Additional tests conducted at the Southwest Research Institute showed additional emission reductions (compared to operation on E10) of up to 50% for hydrocarbons, 37% for carbon monoxide and 58% for particulate matter when using 85% ethanol blends.

### **Michigan Funding Opportunity**

The Michigan Biomass Energy Program (MBEP) has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for state projects that increase public awareness, develop production capacity, or expand markets for power/fuel derived from Michigan biomass resources. Funding is available for projects in the following categories: *Biofuel/Bioenergy Education*, *Biofuels Infrastructure*, and *Biomass Technology Development and/or Demonstrations*. The maximum grant award is \$30,000 except for Education projects, which have a maximum grant award of \$5,000. Additional information is available on the MBEP website at <http://www.michiganbioenergy.org/funding>.

## Additional Updates –continued

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### **Lansing Clean Cities providing incentives for alternative fuel vehicles**

The Greater Lansing Area Clean Cities Coalition will soon offer incentives to offset the incremental cost of up to 10 alternative fuel vehicles and/or the incremental cost of alternative fuel such as E85 and biodiesel. The incentives will be available to any non-mandated fleets in the Greater Lansing area. For more information contact Bill Wolfe at (517) 230-9299 or by email at wolfecleancities@hotmail.com

### **GM will educate dealers about alternative fuel vehicles**

Starting with 2003 models, only certified dealers will be able to sell GM alternative fuel vehicles (AFV). To become certified, dealers must attend training classes and purchase any necessary AFV specific equipment. The certified dealers also receive a "Sales Toolkit" which includes information on AFV products and systems, fueling infrastructure, and special AFV financing information.

## Upcoming Events

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### **DOE Ethanol Workshop for Rural America October 14-15**

Billings, Montana  
Contact: Ethanol Producers and Consumers  
Phone: (406) 785-3722  
Website: [www.ethanolmt.org](http://www.ethanolmt.org)

### **Michigan Ethanol Plant Open House October 28**

Caro, Michigan  
Contact: Tony Simpson  
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Phone: (989) 672-1222  
Website: [www.michiganethanol.com](http://www.michiganethanol.com)

### **Ohio/Michigan Biofuels Conference December 9**

Perrysburg, Ohio  
Contact: BBI International  
Phone: (719) 942-4353  
Website: [www.bbiethanol.com](http://www.bbiethanol.com)

### **National Ethanol Conference February 17-19**

Scottsdale, Arizona  
Contact: Renewable Fuels Association  
Phone: (719) 942-4353  
Website: [www.ethanolRFA.org](http://www.ethanolRFA.org)

### **9th National Clean Cities Conference & Expo May 18-21**

Palm Springs, California  
Contact: Kim Taylor  
Phone: (303) 275-4358  
Website: [www.cities.doe.gov](http://www.cities.doe.gov)

### **25th Symposium on Biotechnology for Fuels and Chemicals May 4-7**

Breckenridge, Colorado  
Contact: Liz Wilson  
Phone: (303) 284-7750  
Website: [www.nrel.doe.gov/biotech\\_symposium](http://www.nrel.doe.gov/biotech_symposium)

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