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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

If you are interested in receiving the Michigan EWG 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

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

Spreading the word on ethanol

EWG members Jody Pollok and Kelly Launder gave a well-received presentation on ethanol at the Rural Partners of Michigan annual conference in Frankenmuth. Attendees were provided with basic ethanol information as well as economic benefits from ethanol production to rural communities.

Kettering University competing in 2002 Clean Snowmobile Challenge

Kettering University (KU) participated in the 3rd annual Clean Snowmobile Challenge (CSC) in Jackson Hole Wyoming from March 23-29. The KU snowmobile is modified to run on ethanol blends up to 85% and the team plans to conduct special emissions testing to demonstrate the additional benefits obtained while using E85 fuel. Results will be posted on the Michigan Biomass Energy Program website at <http://michiganbioenergy.org>

Michigan to participate in National AFV Day Odyssey

Michigan will host one of the fifty National AFV Day events held throughout the U.S. on April 11th. The purpose of these events is to build awareness about alternative fueled vehicles and encourage their increased use by government and private fleets. The Michigan event will be held in Ann Arbor and is being sponsored by Lansing Community College, Michigan Clean Cities and the National Alternative Fuels Training Consortium. EWG members from various organizations will be attending and making ethanol-related presentations. Those interested in attending this free event should contact Jim Pitts by email at jpitts8347@aol.com (preferred) or by phone at (517) 483-1384.

Ethanol Plant Update

Tony Simpson has accepted the position of General Manager for Michigan Ethanol, LLC. Previous to this new assignment, Tony was the General Manager at another Broin production facility. *Ethanol Products* has been designated as the marketer for the plant. Stock offerings for the plant are expected to be held in June.

Additional Updates

Ethanol Industry Outlook-2002

The Renewable Fuels Association has published their Ethanol Industry Outlook for 2002. The report provides information on recent production growth, the benefits from increased ethanol use and production, and an update on the future markets for ethanol such as fuels cells and diesel. This report is available on their website at www.ethanolrfa.org

E-85 Vehicle's on the road will continue to grow

The National Ethanol Vehicle Coalition predicts that over 2 million E85 vehicles will be manufactured by the end of 2002. A list of the vehicles is available on their website at www.e85fuel.com