

U.S. wood ethanol gets biomass crop assistance

Nov. 20, 2009, Rapid City, SD – KL Energy's Upton, Wyoming, cellulosic ethanol facility has been approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) as a biomass production facility under the U.S. Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP). KL Energy is developing and commercializing second-generation cellulose-based ethanol. The company has an industrial-size plant operating in the United States and is currently working with its strategic partners and licensees to commence the construction of additional cellulosic ethanol facilities in the United States, Europe, and South America.

BCAP, which is administered by the USDA's Farm Service Agency, offers a matching per-ton payment for the collection, harvest, storage, and transportation of renewable biomass delivered and sold to a local biomass conversion facility. It will provide KL Energy with funding to offset the feedstock cost associated with its demonstration biorefinery in Upton, Wyoming. The facility produces cellulosic ethanol and other high-value energy products from wood chips.

"Renewable fuel production has the capability to make forestry byproducts from the Black Hills a valuable resource," says Senator John Thune. Senator Thune authored BCAP, which was included in the 2008 Farm Bill.

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