

## Attachment A: Social media posts

July 5th

### Home Heating Oil in Connecticut Will Now Be Blended With Biodiesel

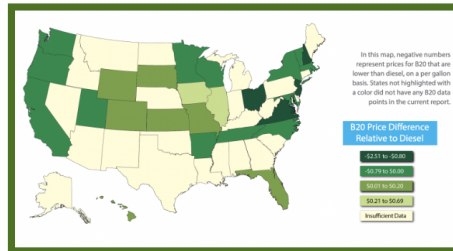
Starting in July, a new Connecticut state law will require all home heating oil to be blended with biodiesel. The new blend will help reduce heating costs for Connecticut residents as the price of conventional heating oil continues to rise.



July 19th

### April Alternative Fuel Price Report Now Available

The Alternative Fuels Data Center's (AFDC) April 2022 Clean Cities Alternative Fuel Price Report is now available. This spring saw the national average retail prices of all fuels increase, from \$0.10/gallon for compressed natural gas to \$1.44/gallon for diesel. National average prices for B20 biodiesel were lower than national average diesel prices by \$0.44/gallon. Meanwhile, the average price for E85 was less than gasoline this quarter, by \$0.59/gallon. Read the [full report here](#).



### Report: Biofuel, bioenergy employment increased in 2021

According to the DOE's 2022 Energy and Employment Report, bioenergy for power generation employed 12,388 workers in 2021, up 349 workers—or 2.9%—when compared to the 12,039 workers employed in 2020. The sector employed 13,178 workers in 2019.



August 2nd

## Bipartisan Group of Senators Urges EPA to Increase Volumes of Biofuels in 2023-2024 Renewable Volume Obligations

Members of the Senate Agriculture Committee led 22 of their colleagues are urging the Environmental Protection Agency to support higher amounts of biomass-based biodiesel and other advanced biofuels in the upcoming 2023 and 2024 Renewable Volume Obligations (RVOs). In their letter to EPA Administrator Michael Regan, the senators note that production and use of advanced biofuels benefits America's rural economies and reduces pollution.



## August 17th

### 2022 Inflation Reduction Act: Removing the Federal EV Tax Credit Limit for OEMs and Other Changes for Electric Vehicles

Yesterday, President Biden signed the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) into law. The Act is delivering on a broad suite of climate initiatives, including:

- *Renewing and expanding the federal EV tax credit*, including eliminating the 200,000 vehicle cap for vehicle manufacturers and the establishment of a \$4,000 tax credit for pre-owned vehicles
- *Establishing a new commercial clean vehicle tax credit of up to \$7,500 per vehicle*, expanding the affordability of clean fleet vehicles
- *Designating over \$3 billion for Neighborhood Access and Equity Grants*, which will help mitigate the danger of overbuilt arterial roadways—especially in underserved areas
- *Extending the excise tax credits for alternative fuels*, including biodiesel and renewable diesel
- *Extending and restructuring the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Refueling Property Credit*, ensuring that CNG, LNG, electricity, and hydrogen stations are eligible through 2032
- *Providing \$2 Billion for Low-Carbon Transportation Materials Grants*, which the FHWA may use to reimburse or provide incentives for low-carbon material research or planning

To learn more about what the Inflation Reduction Act will mean for electrified vehicle sales in the U.S., check out [this summary from Forbes!](#)



### The Biofuels Industry Continues to Innovate as It Emerges from the Pandemic

As the biofuel industry recovers from the demand slump of the early COVID-19 pandemic, innovative new processes are helping the industry look to the future. One new biofuel manufacturing process adds bacteria into the fermentation process used during biofuel production—capturing carbon dioxide to limit the environmental impact of production and use that CO<sub>2</sub> to create higher yields.



## August 30th

## USDA Now Accepting Applications for Biofuel Infrastructure Grants

Last week, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that the Department is accepting applications for \$100 million in grants to increase the sale and use of biofuels derived from U.S. agricultural products. Made available through the Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIP), this funding will support a variety of fueling



operations, including filling stations, convenience stores, and larger retail stores that also sell fuel. The funds will also support fleet facilities including rail and marine, and fuel distribution facilities, such as fuel terminal operations, midstream operations, distribution facilities as well as home heating oil distribution centers.

Grants will cover up to 50% of total eligible project costs up to \$5 million to help owners of transportation fueling and fuel distribution facilities convert to higher blends of ethanol and biodiesel. Applications must be submitted by November 21st, 2022. To learn more, visit the [HBIIP webpage](#) to sign up for upcoming webinars and to submit your application.

### EIA: Total U.S. Biofuel Production Capacity at 21 Billion Gallons Per Year

The Energy Information Administration (EIA) reports that the United States' annual biofuel production capacity has reached 21 billion gallons across the country's 275 facilities. More than 80% of total U.S. biofuel production capacity was for fuel ethanol over the past year.



## September 13th

### U.S. Expected to Announce 3 Years of Biofuel Blending Mandates

The Biden administration is expected to announce a rule this year that would detail annual biofuel blending mandates for the refining industry for a three-year period instead of just for one. The EPA has been ordered to propose a rulemaking for 2023 mandates by Nov. 16, according to a legal document in July.



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September 27th

**EPA to Finalize Rule on Higher Blended Ethanol**

Last week, EPA Administrator Michael Regan said the agency intends to finalize a rule before next summer to allow the year-round sale of gasoline blended with a higher level of ethanol in several states. The proposed rule would allow the sale of E15 all twelve months of the year in select states.



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