



**Biodiesel beyond ASTM: REG<sup>®</sup> announces advanced quality specs**  
*Renewable Energy Group<sup>®</sup> announces first-of-its-kind quality specification in three new REG-9000<sup>™</sup> biodiesel products that exceed ASTM limits*

AMES, Iowa (April 9, 2008)— Renewable Energy Group<sup>®</sup>, Inc., a leading biodiesel marketer and producer, today became the first biodiesel producer and marketer in the United States to announce product specifications for B100 that **exceed** ASTM D 6751 biodiesel specifications, regardless of feedstock.

The company's biodiesel specifications which exceed ASTM specifications include 1) reduced free and total glycerin levels 2) a reduced acid number and 3) reduced free water and sediment.

Renewable Energy Group, Inc. performs internal tests for specifications not currently required by ASTM including: tests for monoglycerides, diglycerides and triglycerides, tests for total biodiesel moisture and a cold soak filtration test which indicates how well REG biodiesel will perform in cold weather.

As part of the quality specification, Renewable Energy Group, Inc. also introduced a new line-up of three REG-9000<sup>™</sup> biodiesel products; **REG-9000-1**, **REG-9000-5**, and **REG-9000-10**.

- **REG-9000-1** has a cloud point ranging from 0-2 degrees C and a cetane level from 47-50.
- **REG-9000-5** has a cloud point ranging from 4-6 degrees C and a cetane level from 50-53.
- **REG-9000-10** has a cloud point ranging from 8-12 degrees C and a cetane level from 53-59.

All three products offer improved oxidation stability and enhanced purity compared to other B100 biodiesel in today's marketplace.

"End-users are demanding large volumes of high quality biodiesel," said Renewable Energy Group, Inc.'s CEO, Jeff Stroburg. "The new **REG-9000<sup>™</sup>** product line-up provides our customers with unprecedented options regarding their fuel choices while offering confidence in the highest quality biodiesel available. This new specification is an extension of our commitment to biodiesel quality regardless of the feedstock to offer quality to the petroleum industry and its distributors, fleet owners and managers, retail diesel locations and other diesel users."

The National Biodiesel Board today also praised the announcement. "We commend producers and marketers such as Renewable Energy Group, Inc. who make a strong commitment to quality," said Joe Jobe, CEO of the National Biodiesel Board.

"ASTM D 6751 defines the minimum requirements for biodiesel that is 'fit for purpose' for blending up to 20 percent with petrodiesel; and the BQ-9000 program, which Renewable Energy Group, Inc. was a leader in, requires D 6751 compliance on every lot," Jobe explained. "REG has once again proven themselves as industry quality leaders by committing their product to a quality level that goes above and beyond the ASTM requirements."

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*\*\*Note to editors: Several INDUSTRY EXPERTS are available to discuss impacts of REG's quality and product announcement on the industry. Please contact Alicia Clancy at REG to obtain full contact information for industry experts.*

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**About Renewable Energy Group, Inc.**

Renewable Energy Group, Inc., (REG) is a biodiesel industry sales leader and is a full-service biodiesel company offering plant management, risk management, raw material procurement, plant construction management, and biodiesel production, sales and marketing services. REG's network of biodiesel production facilities includes a wholly owned biodiesel plant and management of third party-owned plants. Renewable Energy Group, Inc., markets biodiesel to fuel distributors and customers in many industries including on-highway fleets, original equipment manufacturers, maritime, military, home heating and agriculture industries.

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