



Another REG-9000™ Biodiesel Producer Earns BQ-9000 Listing

Blackhawk Biofuels, LLC in Danville Ill. biodiesel plant earns production quality status

DANVILLE, Ill. (July 9, 2009) – U.S. biodiesel industry sales leader Renewable Energy Group® (REG®) today announced another plant in its network is now a BQ-9000 Producer. Blackhawk Biofuels, LLC has earned BQ-9000 Producer status from the National Biodiesel Board and the National Biodiesel Accreditation Committee.

“Today the petroleum industry is demanding biodiesel from BQ-9000 Producers,” said REG’s Vice President of Sales and Marketing, Gary Haer. “This certification distinguishes this strategically-located, multiple feedstock facility as a high quality fuel provider for petroleum distributors in Illinois, the greater Midwest region and distributors across the country.”

A member of the REG network, Blackhawk Biofuels is a state-of-the-art, 45-million-gallon per-year biodiesel production facility. REG is responsible for all REG-9000™ branded biodiesel marketed from the Danville, Illinois facility. Blackhawk Biofuels recently completed construction to upgrade facilities to offer cutting edge technology for producing high quality biodiesel from a variety of fats and oils.

“Upon completion of construction, this facility almost immediately began producing biodiesel which met REG-9000™ biodiesel product quality specifications which exceed ASTM specifications. This BQ-9000 Producer status is the ultimate reward for the staff who operate this facility and the technology team who brought recent manufacturing upgrades to completion,” explained Haer. “Most importantly, we know that BQ-9000 accreditation means consistent, efficient production of large volumes of high quality fuel to help address the nation’s renewable energy demands.”

The National Biodiesel Accreditation Committee awarded Blackhawk’s BQ-9000 Producer status on a provisional basis based on the REG network’s quality control production processes and the facility’s documentation systems. Upon an on-site audit expected in early fall, the full BQ-9000 Producer status will be intact. Requirements for fuel bids from BQ-9000 Producers will be met with biodiesel from the Blackhawk facility under their current status.

BQ-9000 is a voluntary quality-assurance program that helps companies improve fuel testing. It is comprehensive, including procedures for fuel handling and management throughout the distribution system, all the way to the customer’s fuel tank. Accreditation demonstrates quality-control processes are in place at the facility that ensures biodiesel produced there will meet the ASTM D6751 specification for biodiesel.

Biodiesel from Blackhawk Biofuels meets REG-9000 specification which exceeds the ASTM D6751 industry standard for biodiesel. Every lot of biodiesel marketed by REG is accompanied by a Certificate of Analysis outlining biodiesel quality. Blackhawk Biofuels is the seventh plant for which REG markets fuel that has received BQ-9000 Producer status.

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About Renewable Energy Group®

Renewable Energy Group® (REG®) is a leader in the biodiesel industry by offering a complete biodiesel solution. Committed to redefining quality, Renewable Energy Group markets REG-9000™ biodiesel, which exceeds ASTM quality specifications, through existing nationwide diesel infrastructure, including more than 20 terminal locations.

REG-9000 biodiesel is marketed through large petroleum companies and fuel distributors, and is utilized by on-highway fleets, municipalities, and power generator, mining, military, home heating and agriculture applications.

REG-9000 biodiesel is produced by REG network production facilities consisting of state-of-the-art, proprietary multiple-feedstock technology. Renewable Energy Group offers procurement and risk management, production operations, and technology services in addition to alternative feedstock research and commercialization.

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