



REG® opens new research lab to advance oils, fats and biodiesel industries

Biodiesel industry leader to focus on feedstock commercialization and industry research collaboration while supporting network of nine biodiesel production facilities

(AMES, Iowa) July 28, 2009—Renewable Energy Group® introduced a cutting-edge research facility during a recent industry and community ribbon cutting event.

The REG Research Center—located within Renewable Energy Group’s (REG®) headquarters in Ames, Iowa —is a privately-owned and operated laboratory dedicated to feedstock research and commercialization, REG network biodiesel production support and oil and fats analysis.

“This facility serves as an incubator for biodiesel research and feedstock development and commercialization that will move our nation further from our dependence on foreign oil, both for fuel and for industrial petroleum applications,” REG’s chief executive officer and chairman said during today’s ceremony. “REG has more than a decade of biodiesel experience preceding this laboratory opening which allows us the opportunity to create testing, research and development collaborations.”

REG Research Center functions include simulation and troubleshooting for REG’s network of nine commercial-scale production facilities as well as continuous testing of current raw materials and research activities for future feedstock such as algae, jatropha and many more.

Joining Stroburg at the ribbon cutting ceremony was Iowa Office of Energy Independence director, Roya Stanley. “Renewable Energy Group’s Biodiesel Laboratory provides critical research and development to advance Iowa and the nation to a bioeconomy,” said Stanley. “The bioeconomy will be more than biofuels; it will also produce high value biochemicals that displace petroleum based products. This will add value and economic viability to Iowa's developing biofuels industry.”

In addition, Stroburg noted that building a green space was an important part of facility planning and construction. “As a renewable fuels company, purchasing materials made from recycled compounds and reducing energy use was key in designing and building the REG Research Center,” he said.

Recycled and re-used materials and natural lighting elements were components of the facility design which aimed to reduce excess and waste while offering a fully-functional space.

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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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