

Myths & Facts about Biodiesel



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Myths vs. Facts: Clearing the Air about Biodiesel

When is a so-called ‘renewable’ or ‘bio-based’ fuel not really either? When it’s a misleading definition created by oil companies like ConocoPhillips.

Only biodiesel fuel is a truly renewable diesel fuel. Anything else is a myth.

MYTHS about “Renewable Diesel” and “Bio-Based Diesel” fuels

- Allowing this broader definition will expand the pool of feed stocks to make biodiesel with.
- The “renewable diesel” fuel proposed by the oil companies meets federal standards for biodiesel fuel under ASTM 975.
- Since so-called “renewable diesel” meets EPA specs, this means it’s an environmentally friendly ‘green’ fuel.
- The federal government supports “renewable diesel”, therefore Pennsylvania should as well.



FACTS about “Renewable Diesel” and “Bio-Based Diesel” fuels

- Biodiesel already uses all of the available and proposed feed stocks in the renewable diesel fuel proposal.
- ASTM 975 is the specification for petroleum diesel fuel. Chemically there is *no difference* between so-called “renewable diesel” and regular petroleum diesel. True biodiesel is qualified under ASTM D6751.
- Even regular petroleum diesel fuel meets EPA standards. This has nothing to do with the environmentally positive impact of biodiesel fuels.
- ConocoPhillips lobbied the U.S. Treasury department to successfully manipulate the definition of biodiesel specifically for tax incentive purposes. The National Biodiesel Board has nationwide support for future reversal of this big-business buyout.

Know the Difference: Only Biodiesel is a real Alternative

The oil industry’s misleading language supports a definition of alternative fuel that does not create jobs, result in new refineries, clean the air or provide ‘green’ fuels. What it does do is maintain America’s energy dependence upon foreign oil and provide government support for an industry that does not need it.

Support only true biodiesel defined by ASTM D6751 and PA’s biodiesel industry.

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