



Governors' Ethanol Coalition

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Governors Call for Near Doubling of Ethanol Use by 2010 Ask President and Congress to Pass Four Recommendations

The 37 gubernatorial members of the Governors' Ethanol Coalition today released a report, *Ethanol from Biomass: How to Get to a Biofuels Future*, <http://www.ethanol-gec.org/information/biomastoethanol2006.htm> which asks the President and members of Congress to adopt four recommendations:

- Expand the Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS) to include a short-term target of 12 billion gallons a year of ethanol and biodiesel utilization by 2010, and longer-term British thermal unit-based targets of 15 percent of total motor fuels consumption by 2015 and 25 percent by 2025, with equal incremental steps provided for each year in between;
- Assign a financial value to the RFS cellulosic ethanol 2.5:1 trading credit into a more practical credit.
- Establish a timetable for delivering 85% ethanol/15% gasoline infrastructure on a regional basis within five years.
- Provide adequate funding for the *Energy Policy Act of 2005* authorized biofuel research, demonstration and incentive programs.

According to a study by the Coalition, adoption of a goal of providing 20 percent of the nation's fuel supply from biofuels would produce benefits:

- About 60 billion gallons of ethanol produced annually;
- \$52 billion a year in avoided oil imports, reducing the trade deficit;
- \$110 billion in direct economic activity each year with an annual impact of \$368 billion on the nation's economy
- 2.4 million new jobs.

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