

NEW NAME, EXPANDED FOCUS — MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



I am excited to see what the future has in store for the **Clean Fuels Alliance Foundation!** Yes, the Foundation has a new name to reflect our support of all feedstocks for America’s domestically produced biodiesel, renewable diesel (RD), and sustainable aviation fuels (SAF). While our name has changed, we are following the same approach with congressional tours, education, and research. We continue to work with entities such as Clean Cities while bringing in new partners including environmental justice groups. We have embraced the change, and I’m glad we chose the name we did.

I became involved with the biodiesel industry over 20 years ago as a farmer-director on the Nebraska Soybean Board. Then, it was almost taboo to mention a billion gallons annual biodiesel production. Watching this number expand to nearly three billion gallons per year has been rewarding indeed. Along the way however, the industry has faced many challenges, and the Foundation has been there to support by funding research demonstrating biodiesel and RD’s low carbon footprint and to educate policymakers on their many environmental and economic benefits.

One of the industry’s biggest hurdles and the Foundation’s greatest successes has been raising awareness of these wonderful fuel products through our **Congressional Tours**. Each year we, and our generous sponsors, take Congressional staff to see first-hand the important role biodiesel and RD have in the transportation and home heating sectors. It is my dream that someday the vast majority of Congress, the EPA, and the U.S. citizenry will enthusiastically embrace the use of biodiesel, RD, and SAF. We thank everyone who has entrusted us with donations. This work is not possible without your support. I look forward to seeing you at the conference and at the **Silent Auction booth**.

Our mission is to advance the research and education of clean-burning biomass-based diesel alternatives and their coproducts.

—Mark Caspers

CONGRESSIONAL TOURS BUILD RELATIONSHIPS

Twenty twenty-two was one of our most robust years for congressional tours. A combined 63 staffers visited clean fuel facilities and fleets in New York & Connecticut; Iowa; and California. For many, this was their first opportunity to learn about the clean fuels industry and the growing demand for low-carbon fuels in supply chains and heating. These tours differentiate us from other trade industries. One staffer favorably contrasted our educational approach of site visits and presentations to that of other industries that seek policy support through office visits alone. *[continued on back]*

Staffers visit the Paramount Refinery in California



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[Tours continued from front] . When staffers spend time in the field, they become more interested and receptive to working with the industry. Understanding policy impacts on biodiesel and renewable diesel is especially important as competition for feedstock increases with the growth of sustainable aviation fuel (SAF). According to Paul Winters, Communications Director of the Clean Fuels Alliance, “This past year we saw offices that sponsored the SAF credit in the Clean Skies Bill also become sponsors of the biodiesel tax credit following the tours.” Another important benefit of the Foundation’s work is that of sustaining relationships. Paul notes that, “We have found that the tours help strengthen existing relationships while forging new ones. Staffers on tours form associations with each other that they take back to Capitol Hill; they stay in touch and talk about legislation they can agree on.” He concludes, “Relationships pay off over time.”



Paul Teta (back left) and his staff hosted tour visitors at a biodiesel plant in Connecticut. Colleen Klein (front left) is with the NY Corn & Soybean Board.

CLEAN FUELS AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Late last spring, 30 older residents gathered at a senior wellness center in Washington DC to learn about the Trinity Study results. Of those present, 80% raised their hands when asked if they knew someone suffering from a respiratory illness. Many were interested in the health benefits of biodiesel. Made possible with a Foundation grant, the Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition (GWRCCC) has held other similar outreach events in environmental justice communities. Executive Director Antoine Thompson has found that, “Once you tell the biodiesel story, people are very open and receptive especially with the successes we have seen with the DC Government.” The Foundation plans more EJ activities with GWRCCC in 2023.



Paul Winters (left) & Antoine Thompson (center) in front of a B100 vehicle on display in DC; it is one of 15 vehicles funded by an EPA DERA grant.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Congressional Tours in New Orleans, Los Angeles & Washington DC.

Details and 2023 dates available soon.

The Foundation will fund environmental justice outreach and education with GWRCCC.

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SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS

Sponsored by the Foundation, the 2022 Clean Fuels Sustainability Workshop was well attended by about 50 participants representing the private industry in agriculture and crop development, non-governmental organizations, USDA and DOE, numerous state soybean associations and academia. The workshop kicked off with a USDA presentation on national greenhouse gas inventories followed by presentations on corporate accounting. Other topics were the current state of the industry, federal and state policy updates, the latest work from the Environmental Science Program and recent developments in oil and grease feedstocks and novel approaches to reducing feedstock GHGs.



Caleb Moellenhoff, Veronica Bradley, Tom Verry (l. to r.) at the St. Louis Sustainability Workshop.

BETH CALABOTTA GRANT WINNER

The 2022 recipient of the Beth Calabotta Grant, Caleb Moellenhoff has been interested in research since he started at the Missouri University of Science and Technology where he was assigned to the Supercritical Biodiesel Process Scale-Up and Design project. With grant funds, Caleb presented his team’s plant design at the Sustainability Workshop and responded to attendee questions. Foundation Executive Director Tom Verry spoke about the grant’s eponym, “Beth is why we are here today. She was a board member and architect of the sustainability program.” Her legacy is carried on in Caleb’s clean fuel research.

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