Day 1 Report—Breakout Group: Feedstocks

Technology Areas of Interest to the Group:
• Looking at new feedstocks
• Addressing physical qualities and characteristics of the feedstock
• Increasing efficiencies and capabilities of existing forestry and agronomic feedstock collection

Priority Barriers:
• Variability in feedstock quality and lack of blending processes
• Transportation of low-value biomass
• Lack of specifications for delivered feedstock
• Lignin from biological conversion – lack of cost effective technologies to produce a clean lignin by-product
• Proof of sustainability – provenance requirements and lack of an agreed upon “sustainability” definition
Key Reflections:

- Interest in the development of new feedstock resources
- The agreement on the importance of understanding feedstock quality
- The concerns of public perception of GMOs