



U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Bioenergy Technologies Office (BETO) Biofuels Information Center

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NREL is a national laboratory of the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, operated by the Alliance for Sustainable Energy, LLC.

- The Biofuels Information Center (BIC) task provides essential bioenergy data, tools, and information to all stakeholders.
- The outcome of the task is to enable stakeholders to make informed decisions.
- The relevance of the task is measured by usage of websites and tools and downloads of reports.

Quad Chart Overview

Timeline

- Project Start Date: FY2008
- Project End Date: Ongoing
- Percent Completion: 20% (FY17, FY18, FY19 work)

Budget

	Total Costs FY12– FY14	FY15 Costs	FY16 Costs	Total Planned Funding (FY17–Project End Date)
DOE Funded	\$350k	\$120k	\$140k	\$1,050k* (*total for FY17, FY18, FY19)

Barriers

- At-B: Analytical Tools and Capabilities for System-Level Analysis
- At-C : Data Availability across the Supply Chain
- Im-G: Availability of Biofuels Distribution Infrastructure

Partners

- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Leverage VTO Clean Cities funds for AFDC biofuels pages and other EERE funders of the OpenCarto platform where the Bioenergy Atlas tools reside.

1 – Project Overview

- Title II, Sec. 229 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA) requires DOE to develop a "Biofuels and Biorefinery Information Center."
- Historical work included creating biofuels content on the AFDC, static data and maps, and the State Bioenergy Assessment Tool.
- The BIC is focused on providing useful bioenergy tools, data, and information. The key tasks are:
 - **TASK 1:** Updating and maintaining the Alternative Fuels Data Center biofuels data and information pages <u>www.afdc.energy.gov</u>.
 - **TASK 2:** Updating, maintaining and adding functionality to the Biofuels Atlas and Biopower Atlas geospatial tools <u>https://maps.nrel.gov</u>.
 - **TASK 3:** Leading and participating in stakeholder committees and groups on the subject of biofuels infrastructure compatibility.
 - **TASK 4:** Analyzing USDA Biofuels Infrastructure Partnership data and generating confidential summary reports and a published national summary <u>https://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentid=2015/10/0300.xml</u>.
 - **Future TASK 5:** Updating the annual EERE Bioenergy Market Report <u>www.nrel.gov/docs/fy16osti/63468.pdf</u>.

Approach

- Prioritize tasks based on data availability and popularity of deliverable—tools, data, and reports.
- **Determine** deliverable timelines on availability of appropriate staff and BETO needs.
- Regularly **review** budget and deliverable status to meet all deadlines.
- **Outreach** of new content or reports and updated tools is essential to the stakeholder community. This is done through email blasts, contacting relevant industry journals, inclusion in BETO email newsletter, and webinars showing results and new functionality in tools.

2 – Approach (Management)

Team Structure

- AFDC updates—Kristi Moriarty updates content; Clean Cities team reviews and edits content; programming team uploads changes.
- Biofuels Atlas/Biopower Atlas—Anelia Milbrandt and Kristi Moriarty identify new data and update existing data and determine needs for additional functionality. Programming team codes updates and changes.
- Infrastructure Support—Kristi Moriarty leads and participates in stakeholder committees and groups and authored the E15 white paper.
- USDA BIP—Kristi Moriarty is the lead author on confidential and published reports. NREL and USDA economists assist in data analysis.
- **EERE Bioenergy Market Report**—Kristi Moriarty and Anelia Milbrandt lead updating the content. Other NREL subject matter experts participate as needed.

2 – Approach (Technical)

- **Gather** unbiased, relevant industry data primarily from EIA, EPA, USDA, and EERE projects, and industry.
- Review data quality and summarize as needed or process it into geospatial data to display on mapping tools. Ensure consistency of content and language on AFDC pages.
- **Test** online tools for data accuracy and functionality.
- **Deploy** data and information updates to websites.
- **Influence** industry-funded projects by leading and participating in stakeholder committees and groups.
- Serve as a technical expert and respond to all industry infrastructure inquiries with useful data and information by email or phone.
- Leverage funding-14 NREL mapping tools share costs for coding, updates, and maintenance. AFDC platform is funded by Clean Cities.

2 – Approach (Technical)

Success Metrics

- A key success factor of online websites and tools is tracking usage through Google Analytics.
- Track number of report downloads.

Challenges

- The most significant challenge is the timeliness of data from outside sources and permissions to use purchased or protected data sets.
 - NREL works with the vendor of purchased data sets to reach an agreement on displaying data in ranges that give users enough information.
 - Data timing issues are dealt with by leaving flexibility in the project schedule to allow updates any time of year.

AFDC pages are reviewed, updated, and edited annually.

- Extensive reviews by NREL Clean Cities leads and communications edits
- Completed by March each year
- Ethanol (21 pages)
- Biodiesel (13 pages)
- Emerging (7 pages)
- Maps, data, and publications are updated and added as they are available.

www.afdc.energy.gov



AFDC biofuels pages have consistent formats.



Ethanol

Ethanol Basics Benefits &

Considerations

Laws & Incentives

Stations

Vehicles

Ethanol is a renewable fuel made from corn and other plant materials. The use of ethanol is widespread, and approximately 97% of gasoline in the U.S. contains some ethanol. The most common blend of ethanol is E10 (10% ethanol, 90% gasoline). Ethanol is also available as E85 (or flex fuel)-a high-level ethanol blend containing 51%-83% ethanol depending on season and geography-for use in flexible fuel vehicles, E15 is defined by the Environmental Protection Agency as a blend of 10.5%-15% ethanol with gasoline. It is an approved ethanol blend for use in model year 2001 and newer light-duty conventional vehicles.





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Benefits and Considerations

Explore the benefits and considerations of using ethanol as a vehicle fuel.



Stations >

Basics >

feedstocks, and related links.

Locate ethanol fueling stations in your area and learn about ethanol fueling infrastructure.



Vehicles

Learn about flexible fuel vehicles, including availability, conversions, emissions, maintenance, and safety.



Laws and Incentives

Find ethanol laws and incentives in your area.

Fuel Prices

Find ethanol fuel prices and trends.

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Download the

Alternative Fu Price Report

Bioenergy Atlas data is updated annually if new data is available and functionality is added each year.



Wood and Wood Waste

Download map layer data in the following geospatial data formats:

Wood and Wood Waste

Description: Operable electric generating plants in the United States by energy source. This includes all plants that are operating, on tandby, or short- or long-term out of service with a combined nameplate capacity of 1 MW or more (Aug. 2015). Data layers can be downloaded; each data layer has source, date, and link to original data.

https://maps.nrel.gov

Data visualization highlights deployment opportunities

Multiple user-friendly methods to see data behind the map.

Stakeholders can easily find summary data for their state.

Nameplate Capacity for Other Renewable Power Plants (solar,

46,705,216

Total Retail Sales of Electricity (MWh)

75,453.00

Primary Mill

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5,154.1

136,899.00

10.77

Easy to use analysis function to see production potential.

NATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY LABORATORY

Incentives

Incentives

Program

Residents

Standards

Requirements

tion

Tax Exemption

(AFV) Loan Program

in a specific area.

New functionality to see incentives in a state.

- Incentives analysis returns results from other EERE funded tools.
- **Biofuels Atlas pulls** from the AFDC Laws & Incentives Database. www.afdc.energy.gov/ laws
- **Biopower Atlas pulls** from EERE-funded North Carolina State's Database of State Incentives for **Renewables &** Efficiency (DSIRE) www.dsireusa.org.

Wrote E15 Retail Station Opportunities and Challenges White Paper.

- Purpose: DOE spent \$46 million on E15 research. Stations that sold and did not sell E15 were interviewed, as were EPA staff on vapor pressure rules, Clean Air Act fines, and fuel quality surveys.
- E15 is sold as 88 octane fuel at a lower price than E10 and generally provided a higher profit margin for stations compared with E10.
- Stations that sold E15 were typically single-owner stations that offered E15 as a way to differentiate from their competitors—they also tended to sell E10.
- Stations that did not sell E15 expressed concerns about misfueling liability under the Clean Air Act due to the bifurcated market in which only 2001 and newer light duty vehicles are approved.
- Report limited to EERE and BETO staff.

Wrote USDA Summary Report.

- USDA and state/industry partners have invested \$210 million in grants for E10+ refueling equipment to ~1,475 to expand the availability of blends above E10.
- DOE and USDA entered into a memorandum of agreement to share data from stations, including infrastructure data, sales price, and volume data.
- NREL is tasked with analyzing this data to understand if this was a successful deployment.
- NREL provided a summary report in January 2017, another is expected in spring 2017.
- This is a five-year project.

USDA Biofuels Infrastructure Partnership Summary Report

Kristi Moriarty National Renewable Energy Laboratory

January 6, 2017

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4 – Relevance

- BIC helps BETO meet its goals and objectives of expanding the domestic bioenergy market by providing current relevant bioenergy data and tools to a wide group of stakeholders.
- Stakeholders are using the AFDC and Bioenergy Atlas tools at over 740,000 page views (an instance of an Internet user visiting a Web page) per year, with a budget of \$140,000.
- The AFDC had 1.96 million page views in FY16 and the biofuels pages accounted for 37% of that total.

Coogle Analytics	FY14	FY15	FY16	
Google Analytics	Pageviews			
Biofuels Atlas	7,804	58,911	82,594	
Biopower Atlas	not available	12,227	20,004	
AFDC Ethanol Pages	310,210	394,509	405,355	
AFDC Biodiesel Pages	193,251	210,070	186,082	
AFDC Emerging Fuel Pages ^a	57,320	68,780	50,134	
Total	568,585	744,497	744,169	
a-renewable natural gas was moved from emerging fuels section to natural gas in FY16.				

4 – Relevance

PI is an expert in refueling infrastructure and supports stakeholders in the following capacity:

- Co-chair of the infrastructure committee of the agriculture/auto/ethanol working group, which is performing follow-on research to DOE's previous high octane fuel project.
- Member of Coordinating Research Council's ULSD corrosion committee.
- UL panel member for several test standards.
- Regularly provides data and information to EPA, USDA, and other government agencies.
- Presents to multiple industry groups on the topic of biofuels and infrastructure compatibility.
- Fields weekly industry inquiries for information and data on biofuels infrastructure as well as industry questions on emerging biofuels impact on the fuel supply chain.
- These activities result in information and data for other EERE projects and programs, for example Co-Optimization of Fuels and Vehicles Project, USDRIVE project, and Clean Cities program.
- Engaging stakeholders through individual assistance and meetings and through leading and participating in committees helps create an understanding and a link between DOE, the national laboratories, and industry to help bridge the final hurdle of getting new fuels into existing infrastructure.

4 – Relevance

Many types of stakeholders use the AFDC and Bioenergy Atlas tools and provide feedback on what is missing. They also ask for assistance in refueling infrastructure. They include:

- Bioenergy companies and their industry groups, including Advanced Biofuels Association, Electric Power Research Institute, Growth Energy, National Biodiesel Board, and Renewable Fuels Association.
- Other government agencies, including DOD, DOI, DOT, EPA, State, and USDA.
- **State offices,** including economic development, energy, environment, and transportation.
- **Retail station owners,** fleet station owners, fuel marketers, refueling equipment manufacturers and their industry groups, including National Association of Convenience Store Owners, National Association of Truck Stop Owners, Petroleum Equipment Institute, Petroleum Marketers Association of America, and Steel Tank Institute.
- **Oil and refining companies** and the American Petroleum Institute.
- Vehicle and engine manufacturers and their industry groups, including the Auto Alliance, Society for Automobile Engineers, and United States Council for Automotive Research.
- **Others** include ASTM, Carbon War Room, Environmental and Energy Study Institute, Fuels Institute, institutions, investment firms, and universities.

5 – Future Work—Task 1, 2, 3

Continued annual support of AFDC and Biofuels Atlas tools.

- Annual update of AFDC biofuels pages March 2017.
- Bioenergy Atlas work (ongoing throughout the year):
 - Review and update Bioenergy Atlas data layers (85 Biofuels Atlas, 90 Biopower Atlas), including updating new Billion Ton Study data layers.
 - Add wet waste feedstocks generated from a joint NREL PNNL project. Add water data layers. Review other new data layers for relevance.
- Continue to lead and participate in infrastructure committees and engage stakeholders individually.
- Go/no-go for future funding is based on a consistent use of AFDC biofuels pages and Bioenergy Atlas tools; tracking by Google Analytics.

5 – Future Work—Task 4

- Summarize February 2017 data set.
- Prepare an update of the the summary report with new February 2017 data.
- NREL and USDA economists, along with technical experts, will analyze data to identify success metrics and trends to determine if more E10+ fuel was sold, as well as what metrics impact fuel sales.
- Anticipate national publication of results in FY18, FY19, FY20, and FY21.

5 – Future Work—Task 5

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BIOENERGY TECHNOLOGIES OFFICE

2015 Bioenergy Market Report

January 2017

Prepared for the U.S. Department of Energy Bioenergy Technologies Office

Prepared by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Golden, CO 80401

- The *Bioenergy Market Report* compliments annual reports for other EERE programs.
- 2013 and 2015 reports published. <u>http://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy17osti/</u> <u>66943.pdf</u>
- Topics covered include production, trade, policies, infrastructure, enduse, outlook, and trends for ethanol (conventional and cellulosic), biodiesel, biobutanol, renewable hydrocarbons, biopower, and bioproducts.
- Write 2016 *Bioenergy Market Report* deliverable due July 2017.

- The BIC task funds AFDC biofuels pages and Bioenergy Atlas Tools.
 - The AFDC biofuels pages are a critical resource for current and relevant information and data.
- The BIC task reaches numerous stakeholders to grow the bioenergy market.
 - A FY2016 budget of \$140,000 resulted in over 740,000 page views.
- Future work will result in annual reports that provide current bioenergy data and information.

Additional – Publications & Select Presentations

• Publications:

- Confidential: USDA Biofuels Infrastructure Partnership Summary Report
- Confidential: E15 Retail Station Opportunities and Challenges White Paper
- Future publications (not confidential): 2016 Bioenergy Market Report,
 USDA BIP Analysis report.

• Presentations/Outreach

- Bioenergy Atlas Tools Webinar December 16, 2015-100+ attendees.
 Recordedhttps://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4594212950316566530
- Steel Tank Institute Annual Meeting January 30, 2017
- Agriculture/Auto/Ethanol Annual Meeting October 4, 2016
- Demonstration of Bioenergy Atlas tools to USDA Agricultural Research and U.S. Forest Service Staff August 23, 2016

Additional-Response to 2015 Peer Review Comments

- 2015 Overall Impression comments:
 - Comments "It is surprising that the BioEnergy Atlas, which delivers a rich set of data and analysis capabilities, is among the least popular elements of the BIC." and "I think the work could be advertised more, but then again, I think that it needs some examples of how the information can be used, and/or have DOE employees use it and publish on the site the ways in which they used it and how it was valuable."
 - Response-Two years of outreach efforts including a webinar and email blast increased Biofuels Atlas use by 958% and a one year increase Biopower Atlas by 63%. BETO staff saves time by directing inquiries for information and datasets to the website and tools supported by the BIC task.

Additional-Biofuels Atlas Data Layers

CATEGORY	DATA LAYERS	SOURCE		
	FEEDSTOCKS			
Crops	sugar beets, sugarcane	USDA		
Crop Residues	bagasse, barley straw, corn stover, grain sorghum stubble, rice straw, wheat straw	USDA-calculated		
Wood	forest residues, primary residues	USFS		
Wood	urban wood, secondary mill residues	Census Bureau, industry data		
Biomethane	landfills, animal manure, Industrial, Institutional, and Commercial Organic Waste, wastewater treatment	Census Bureau, EPA, HSIP		
Billion-ton (future availability)	county (annual energy crops, barley straw, compositite operations no federal lands, composite operations with federal lands, conventional woods, coppice and non-coppice woody crops, corn stover, forestland thinnings no federal lands, forestland thinnings with federal lands, mill residue unused primary, oat straw, other residue, perennial grasses, sorghum stubble, urban C&D wood, urban MSW wood, wheat straw). state (cotton gin trash, cotton residue, manure, orchid & vineyard pruning's, rice hulls, rice straw, sugarcane trash, wheat dust)	Billion Ton Study		
Energy Crop Yields	energy cane, miscanthus, poplar, switchgrass, willow	Energy Biosciences Institute		

CATEGORY	DATA LAYERS	SOURCE		
BIOENERGY PLANTS				
Biofuels Plants	biodiesel plants, ethanol plants, integrated biorefineries	EIA, RFA, BETO		
Biopower Plants	landfill gas, MSW, wood and wood waste, other waste biomass, co-firing, pellet plants	EIA, Biomass Magazine		
Other Power				
Plants	coal, natural gas, oil			
CONVENT	IONAL ENERGY & OTHER REN	EWABLE ENERGY		
Natural Gas	liquefied natural gas import/export terminals, pipelines, market hubs, processing plants, underground storage facilities, power plants	EIA		
Petroleum	refineries, pipelines, fuel terminals, rail terminals, power plants	EIA		
Other Power Plants	coal, geothermal, hydro, nuclear, other, solar, wind	EIA		
	OTHER			
Alternative Fuel Stations	Biodiesel, E85	AFDC		
Infrastructure	counties, state borders, American Indian reservations, railroads, congressional districts, federal lands	Standard GIS layers		
Sites	bioenergy potential sites	EPA		
Vehicle Density	Diesel, Flex-Fuel	HIS		

Additional-Biopower Atlas Data Layers

CATEGORY	DATA LAYERS	SOURCE	CATEGORY	DATA LAYERS	SOURCE	
FEEDSTOCKS			BIOENERGY PLANTS			
l Crop Residues	harvesting crop residues, processing crop residues	USDA-calculated	Biofuels Plants	biodiesel plants, ethanol plants, integrated biorefineries	EIA, RFA, BETO	
Wood	(bagasse) forest residues primary residues	LISES	Biopower Plants	andfill gas, MSW, wood and wood waste,	e, EIA, Biomass Magazine	
vvoou	urban wood, socondary mill	Conque Burgou industry		plants		
Wood	residues	data	Other Power Plants	coal, natural gas, oil		
	landfills, animal manure,		CONVENTIONAL ENERGY & OTHER RENEWABLE ENERGY			
Biomethane	Industrial, Institutional, and Commercial Organic Waste, wastewater treatment	Census Bureau, EPA, HSIP	Natural Gas	liquefied natural gas import/export terminals, pipelines, market hubs, processing plants, underground storage facilities, power plants	EIA	
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	composite operations with		Other Power Plants	coal, geothermal, hydro, nuclear, other, solar, wind	EIA	
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Additional-Biofuels Atlas and Biopower Atlas State Data

DATA	DATA SOURCE
Electricity Use	EIA, Electric Power Monthly, Retail Sales of Electricity to Ultimate Consumer by End-Use Section-All Sectors
Power Plants (fossil and biopower)	EPA, Egrid Database
Natural Gas	EIA, Natural Gas Consumption by End Use, Volumes Delivered to All Consumers
Oil Refineries and Capacity	EIA, Refinery Capacity
Alternative Fuel Stations	AFDC, Alternative Fuels Station Database.
Ethanol Plants	Renewable Fuels Association
Biodiesel Plants	National Biodiesel Board
Biopower Plants	EPA, Egrid Database
Forest Residues and Primary Mill Residues	USDA, Forest Service Timber Output database
Diesel Use	EIA, State Energy Data EIA Motor Gasoline Consumption in Transportation
Gasoline Use	EIA, State Energy Data EIA Distillate Fuel Oil Consumption in Transportation
Crop Residues	USDA, National Agricultural Statics Service 2012 Census of Agriculture
Urban Wood and Sec. Mill Residues	U.S. Census Bureau
Sugarcane and Sugar beets	USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service and 2012 Census of Agriculture
Potential Petroleum Transportation Use Replaced by Biofuels	Biomass Characteristic Database and Theoretical Ethanol Yield Calculator
Average Retail Price of Electricity (cents/kWh)	EIA, Detailed State Data
Biopower Generation (MWh), Biopower Generation (MWh)	EIA, Detailed State Data
Natural Gas	EIA, Detailed State Data
Conventional Power Plants (#)	EIA, Detailed State Data
Crop Residues	USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Census of Agriculture
Electric Power Generation from Conventional Sources (including nuclear, MWh),	EIA, Detailed State Data
Electric Power Generation from Other Renewable Sources (solar, wind, geothermal, MWh)	EIA, Detailed State Data
Forest Residues	USDA, Forest Service's Timber Product Output database
Methane from Food Waste	U.S. Census Bureau's County Business Patterns and the Homeland Security Infrastructure Program (HSIP)
Methane from Landfills	EPA LMOP database
Methane from Manure	USDA, National Agriculture Statistics Service, Census of Agriculture
Methane from Wastewater	EPA's Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks
Nameplate Capacity for Biopower Plants, Conventional Power	
Plants, and Other Renewable Power Plants	EIA, Detailed State Data
Natural gas City Gate Price	EIA, Natural Gas Prices
Natural Gas Consumption	EIA, Natural Gas Consumption by End Use
Natural Gas Dry Production	Natural Gas Gross Withdrawals and Production
Other Renewable Power Plants	EIA, Detailed State Data
Primary Mill Residues	USDA, Forest Service's Timber Product Output database
REC Prices	Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) Prices
Total Retail Sales of Electricity	EIA, Detailed State Data
Urban Wood	U.S. Census Bureau ; BioCycle Journal: "State of Garbage in America"; and County Business Patterns