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President Bush: “I Believe in Biodiesel”

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – The National Biodiesel Board (NBB) and the American Soybean Association (ASA) today commended President George W. Bush for his support of biodiesel. The President has made numerous statements of support of biodiesel, and while speaking at the Farm Progress Show in Iowa August 31, he said “I believe in biodiesel.”

“Biodiesel use at the federal level has increased dramatically during President Bush’s term,” said ASA First Vice President and NBB Chairman Bob Metz, a soybean farmer from South Dakota. “The administration has been extremely supportive of biodiesel through its use of the fuel in federal fleets.”

The 2004 Republican Party Platform: “A Safer World and a More Hopeful World” states, “Republicans will continue to support renewable energy...as well as support the use of biodiesel and ethanol, which can reduce America’s dependence on foreign oil while increasing revenue to farmers.”

Biodiesel is a cleaner burning alternative to petroleum-based diesel, and it is made from renewable resources like soybeans, grown here in the United States. It works in any diesel engine with few or no modifications. It can be used in its pure form (B100), or blended with petroleum diesel at any level—most commonly 20 percent (B20). Soybean farmers have invested millions of dollars through the soybean checkoff to build the biodiesel industry in the United States.

More than 400 major fleets use biodiesel commercially nationwide. About 300 retail filling stations make biodiesel available to the public, and more than 1000 petroleum distributors carry it nationwide. Biodiesel is nontoxic, biodegradable and essentially free of sulfur and aromatics. Biodiesel offers similar fuel economy, horsepower and torque to petroleum diesel while providing superior lubricity. It significantly reduces emissions of carbon monoxide, particulate matter, unburned hydrocarbons and sulfates. On a lifecycle basis, biodiesel reduces carbon dioxide by 78 percent compared to petroleum diesel.

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