



## Minnesota Future Fuels Coalition Announcement

The undersigned organizations commend state agency and stakeholder efforts in recommending a clean fuels policy in Minnesota. We thank Governor Walz for establishing the Governor's Council on Biofuels and strongly support the Council's [recommendation \(finding number 10, recommendation number 4\)](#) to move forward with a clean fuels policy in Minnesota. We also applaud the Minnesota Department of Transportation for establishing the Sustainable Transportation Advisory Council, which also included a clean fuels policy and implementation guidelines in its set of [approved recommendations](#) to the Department. A clean fuels policy will help assure that Minnesota remains in a leadership position with respect to clean fuels innovation, building on past successes.

Minnesota is behind schedule in achieving the transportation greenhouse gas reduction and clean fuel adoption goals established through the bipartisan Next Generation Energy Act of 2007. We believe that a clean fuels policy, such as the proposed Future Fuels Act, can help get Minnesota back on track.

We believe that the Future Fuels Act, designed based on recommendations in the Midcontinent Clean Fuels Policy Initiative's white paper [A Clean Fuels Policy for the Midwest](#), can have many benefits for Minnesota, including:

- Benefits for consumers through market access for clean fuels that are often lower cost or a better value than conventional fuels but currently face barriers to entry in the marketplace.
- Large net-positive and equitable economic impacts for the state through increased investment in a broad portfolio of cleaner fuels, including ethanol, biomethane, biodiesel, other biofuels, electricity, and charging infrastructure.



- Equitable access to clean transportation for all Minnesota communities.
- Increased investment in cleaner fuels for all types of vehicles and a more innovative and prosperous clean fuels sector spurring consumer demand for cleaner products.
- A technology- and fuel-neutral, performance-based approach that rewards the cleanest fuels without having government pick winners and losers and expands the fuels market.
- Reductions in air pollution and increased health benefits, particularly in areas that have been disproportionately impacted by transportation pollution.
- Economic incentives and market demand to maximize the resource value of organic waste (including manure, biosolids, and food waste), reducing the climate impacts of organic waste, and supporting counties' efforts to achieve state-mandated recycling goals.
- Increased energy independence by relying less on imported resources and more on state resources.
- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions in the two largest emitting sectors of transportation and electricity as well as in the agricultural sector.
- A potential to support voluntary farmer-led efforts to invest in and adopt agricultural conservation practices that benefit soil health and water quality and reduce farm-level greenhouse gas emissions.

We stand ready to support Governor Walz, the Governor's Council on Biofuels, the Sustainable Transportation Advisory Council, state agencies, and the legislature in the adoption and design of a clean fuels policy.

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