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## **Energy Leaders to Examine Biodiesel Feedstocks & Pathways for Production at Center for Evergreen Energy Symposium**

Saint Louis, MO...Milking oil from algae might sound farfetched. Yet, its promise as an energy source is the type of research that prompted Dr. Richard Sayre to move to St. Louis this year to be director of the Enterprise Rent-A-Car Institute for Renewable Fuels. He leads a team of 10 researchers who will focus on using algae to produce next-generation biofuels that someday could be used on a large scale to power cars, trucks, and aircraft. This complements the larger body of biofuels research underway at the Danforth Center.

To examine the pathway to reach future sustainable biodiesel goals, energy leaders in research, industry and policy will gather on November 21 in St. Louis. The first symposium hosted by the Center for Evergreen Energy will take place on November 21 at the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center with keynote speakers followed by breakout group discussions.

“The Center for Evergreen Energy is excited to convene this important dialogue as the biofuels industry makes decisions on how it will sustainably fulfill the demand for alternative energy,” said Jay DeLong of the Center for Evergreen Energy. “The outcome of this symposium is to offer industry recommendations that will help fulfill future biodiesel goals.”

Speakers will include President of the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center Roger Beachy; Director of Enterprise Rent-A-Car Institute for Renewable Fuels Richard Sayre; Ethanol and Quality Traits Technical Lead for the Monsanto Company Mike Edgerton, and Senior Technologist at the NASA Glenn Research Center Robert Hendricks. The program begins at 8 a.m. and concludes at 2 p.m. A full agenda is available at the events section of [www.centergreen.org](http://www.centergreen.org).

Biodiesel is a domestically produced, renewable alternative to diesel fuel and can be made from plant oils, animal fats, recycled restaurant grease or new sources such as algae. The national trade association of the biodiesel industry, the National Biodiesel Board headquartered in Jefferson City, Mo., has multiple initiatives to advance the production options of sustainably produced biodiesel. "The National Biodiesel Board is committed to ongoing efforts to ensure our feedstock supply meets the growing demand for high quality biodiesel in environmentally sustainable ways," said NBB CEO Joe Jobe.

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The Center for Evergreen Energy is a national center linking global research, business and policy issues to improve products, processes, environmental acceptance and public adoption of sustainable energy solutions. You can learn more about The Center for Evergreen Energy at [www.centergreen.org](http://www.centergreen.org).

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