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Advanced Biofuels USA Visits Scenes of Hope and Despair in Louisiana

Tour of Dynamic Fuels Plant Shows Possibilities of Future while Visit to Gulf Coast Beaches Illustrates Destructive Potential of Fossil Fuel Extraction

Covington, LA: Concerned that media coverage of the disastrous British Petroleum/Deepwater Horizon oil spill often lists solar, wind, geothermal and nuclear as technologies that would help prevent or avoid future harm from oil drilling, (and leaves out biofuels of any kind) Advanced Biofuels USA's executive director Joanne Ivancic and Louisiana board member Deborah Foshee traveled to Port Fourchon and Grand Isle State Park on Sunday, May 23, to help bring advanced biofuels into the conversation.

The question on many minds in the face of this renewed damage to the economy is, "What's Next?" What's next for the local tourism industry, which had been on the verge of recovery from Katrina and other hurricanes with the state park beaches opened on Good Friday—and closed on May 22 with no idea when they can reopen? What's next for the shrimp and fishing industry when fishing and shrimp grounds are closed and all you hear are dire predictions for a lengthy recovery of the catch and the industry? What's next for the oil drilling businesses if this incident results in additional regulations and stricter enforcement of existing rules?

Advanced Biofuels USA hopes to present thoughtful answers to those questions. The report (with photos) on their visits with residents and those responsible for and working on the recovery is available at <http://advancedbiofuelsusa.info/what%e2%80%99s-next-for-oil-spill-affected-areas-advanced-biofuels>. Even more, by the existence of Advanced Biofuels USA and its web site, the organization hopes to serve as a resource for people thinking and planning for transitions to new economies.

Hope that Louisiana can be a leader in rebuilding flailing economies, and in transitioning from petroleum-based transportation fuels and other chemicals was evident at a plant tour for Syntroleum investors on Saturday, May 22 at the Dynamic Fuels plant in Geismar, Louisiana, along the Mississippi River. This 50/50 joint venture of Tysons Foods and Syntroleum plans to have commercial level production of renewable diesel by Fall 2010. Not only are they recycling food processing waste, but will do it in a "recycled" plant that formerly housed Uniroyal operations. Read more at <http://advancedbiofuelsusa.info/dynamic-fuels-hosts-investor-plant-tour>

It is a simple, short-term goal of Advanced Biofuels USA that when the conversation comes around to “What’s Next?” in response to the British Petroleum Gulf of Mexico oil spill, the most possible, near term solution, advanced biofuels, will be mentioned as the main solution to developing a renewable transportation fuels industry; as the rational transition from petroleum-based fuels and products.

Advanced Biofuels USA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Its purpose is to promote public understanding, acceptance, and use of advanced biofuels; to promote research, development and improvement of production, marketing and delivery of advanced biofuels; and to improve advanced biofuels crops and products.