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## **President Bush Calls for Biodiesel in Energy Plan**

During the President's address to the nation last night, the President called for greater use of renewable fuels like biodiesel. President Bush spoke of his energy concerns for the country and touted biodiesel as an option to help reduce dependence on foreign oil, saying, "...we must develop promising new sources of energy, such as biodiesel."

Earlier this week President Bush spoke at the Small Business Administration Conference and Expo in Washington D.C. "We can produce another renewable fuel, biodiesel, from leftover fats and vegetable oils...and Biodiesel has got great potential. And that's why I've supported a flexible, cost-effective, renewable fuel standard as part of the energy bill. This proposal would require fuel producers to include a certain percentage of biodiesel in their fuel, and would increase the amount of renewable fuel in our nation's fuel supply."

The United States House of Representatives has passed an Energy Bill that establishes a Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) that would grow to five billion gallons by 2012. Soon the U.S. Senate will consider its own version of the Energy Bill, in which the industry hopes to see a more robust RFS and the extension of the biodiesel tax credit. A recent survey shows 74 percent of registered voters support a renewable fuels standard, and 79 percent favor extending the biodiesel tax incentive.

Biodiesel is a cleaner burning fuel made from renewable resources such as soybean oil. Biodiesel works in any diesel engine with few or no modifications. It has the highest energy balance of any fuel and can be used in its pure form (B100), or blended with petroleum diesel at any level. Nationwide, more than 500 major fleets now use biodiesel commercially, and more than 400 retail filling stations also make it available to the public.