

Government of Ontario climate plan signals expanded use of low carbon biofuels

Advanced Biofuels Canada applauds the Government of Ontario for stronger renewable fuel requirements and new incentives to expand use of low carbon biofuels.

VANCOUVER December 3, 2018 –On November 29th, the Government of Ontario released its [Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan](#) with specific climate action initiatives that will require increased use of renewable and low carbon fuels.

Key elements of the climate plan:

1. Renewable content (e.g. ethanol) in gasoline will increase to 15% as early as 2025 under the Greener Gasoline regulation
2. Increased use of renewable natural gas and other lower carbon fuels will be encouraged
3. Large emitters will be subject to emission performance standards
4. A Carbon Trust Fund (\$350M) and Ontario Reverse Auction Fund (\$50M) will provide financial assistance for emissions reduction initiatives

The plan builds on the amended Ethanol in Gasoline and Greener Diesel regulations that come into effect January 1, 2020.

“With this plan, Ontario continues to address its largest single greenhouse gas emissions source: transportation. Today’s vehicles are using lower carbon, made-in-Ontario biofuels that can reduce these emissions further to meet Ontario’s 2030 targets,” said Ian Thomson, President of Advanced Biofuels Canada. “Building on federal action on liquid fuels, the province is signaling new demand for low carbon advanced biofuels. Sustainable agricultural and forestry crops and residues can provide these biofuels, as can urban and industrial waste streams.”

Advanced biofuels can reduce GHG reductions by up to 115% below fossil fuels.

Thomson concluded, “We applaud the new initiatives to expand use of advanced biofuels in Ontario and look forward to working closely with the Province to implement the Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan measures. Incenting private sector innovation, with a welcome mat to low carbon fuel producers, will be critical to meeting the provinces’ climate goals.”

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