

VANCOUVER October 9, 2020 — Manitoba continues renewable fuel leadership with proposed increase to biofuel blend levels in gasoline and diesel fuel.

The Government of Manitoba has opened a 45-day comment period on [draft regulations](#) to increase the renewable content from 2% to 5% in diesel and from 8.5% to 10% in gasoline, effective January 1, 2021.

Manitoba was the first Canadian province to implement a 2% renewable content blend requirement in diesel fuel in 2009, an action that was followed by other provinces with both British Columbia and Ontario now having 4% renewable content requirements. With the proposed increase to 5%, Manitoba will establish the highest minimum renewable fuel blend requirements in diesel fuel in Canada. In addition, Manitoba proposes to increase ethanol blend levels from 8.5% to 10%, which matches the Ontario requirement which was implemented in January 2020.

Ian Thomson, President of Advanced Biofuels Canada, lauded the province's leadership. *"With this important milestone, Manitoba moves to implement a key component of the Climate and Green Plan strategy. The province's agricultural and forestry sectors and biofuel production facilities will benefit from new demand closer to home, and expanding biofuel availability will give Manitoba families more choice at the pump. Other jurisdictions have shown us that Manitoba's trajectory of higher biofuel inclusion is fully feasible and, if Canada's provinces are to meet their climate targets, biofuels are indispensable. Biofuels have been a bright spot in the challenging global trade dynamics of recent years, and continued innovation by Canadian farmers, foresters, and researchers shows that we can sustainably support growing global demand for clean fuels."*

Since implementing its renewable fuel policies in both gasoline (2008) and diesel (2009), Manitoba has reduced over 4 million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions, and seen the direct economic benefit for Manitoba's agricultural producers and processors in both domestic and export markets.

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