



New York Biomass Energy Alliance

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MEDIA NOTES: MEDIA are welcome at the following invitation-only events:

9:30-10:30am Tour of South Lewis Central School District Woodchip Biomass Boiler System that saves the district \$100,000-\$110,000/year, 4264 E Road, Turin

11am-12:30pm Tour at ReEnergy Lyonsdale 22-megawatt facility that uses biomass as its primary fuel, producing electricity to supply ~21,000 homes, 3823 Marmon Road, Lyons Falls

3-4pm Tour at New England Wood Pellet, the largest pellet manufacturer in the NE US with the capacity for 85000 tons of pellets/year, 172 Drive In Road, Frankfort

Media and public are welcome at Clarkson University events – see below and

<http://www.trumba.com/events-calendar/ny/potsdam/campus-activities>

Northern NY to Celebrate First-Ever National Bioenergy Day October 17 Events

Northern New York -- The North Country Regional Economic Development Council, bioenergy generators, woody biomass and switchgrass crop producers and processors, trade associations, and universities will be celebrating the first-ever National Bioenergy Day October 17 with a harvesting demonstration, a host of programs at Clarkson University, and industry-only tours at three sites.

New York Biomass Energy Alliance Executive Administrator Alice Brumbach notes, “The first National Bioenergy Day is an opportunity to educate the public about the value of bioenergy powered by wood and agricultural crops in terms of environmental sustainability and renewable jobs and revenue for rural economies.”

In addition to consumer awareness, Brumbach says the nationwide event is also intended to inspire legislative support for the bioenergy industry. Activities in Washington, DC, will recognize local events across the U.S.

October 17 events open to the public in the NNY region include activities at Agens Farm in Boonville and at Clarkson University in Potsdam.

A 1-2pm Shrub Willow Biomass Harvest Demonstration will be held at Agens Farm, 7453 East Ava Road, Boonville. The demonstration is managed by biomass energy supplier Celtic Energy Farm, and is a collaboration by the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry and ReEnergy Holdings. Celtic Energy Farm also has plantings in the Cape Vincent area.

National Bioenergy Day activities at Clarkson University in Potsdam begin at 1pm in the Student Center and include a tour of biomass demonstration projects, including an Energy Cabin and greenhouse digester. At 2:15 a poster session and reception features biomass projects across the region. Dr. Mark Bryden, program director of the U.S. Department of Energy Ames Laboratory Simulation, Modeling and Decision Science Research Program, will speak at 3pm. Senior Project Manager Ellen Burkhard will speak about NYSERDA's Biomass Combustion Programs at 3:45pm, and a panel discussion follows with state and regional biomass energy researchers and development partners at 4pm.

Clarkson University President Anthony G. Collins, who co-chairs the North Country Regional Economic Development Council, points out that "The North Country Regional Economic Development Council's strategic plan includes the commitment to creating the greenest energy economy in New York State. The plan has actively identified the need to invest in large and small clean energy technology businesses, including biomass."

The New York Biomass Energy Alliance is hosting invitation-only tours of the South Lewis Central School District Woodchip Biomass Boiler System that saves the district \$100,000-\$110,000/year in costs; the ReEnergy Lyonsdale 22-megawatt facility that uses biomass as its primary fuel to produce enough electricity to supply approximately 21,000 homes; and of the New England Wood Pellet plant, the largest pellet manufacturer in the NE US with the capacity for 85,000 tons of pellets/year.

The New York Biomass Energy Alliance is a coalition of individuals, businesses, and organizations working together to enhance support, understanding and use of sustainably produced farm and forest biomass as a source of renewable energy. The Alliance serves as a sounding board for both entrepreneurs and public officials.

Sponsors and supporters of National Bioenergy Day include the New York Biomass Energy Alliance, Clarkson University, American Council on Renewable Energy, National Association of State Foresters, Biomass Power Association, Pellet Fuels Institute, Forest Landowners, Biomass Thermal Energy Council, and other groups and associations.

Learn more at www.newyorkbiomass.org or contact Alice Brumbach at 607-316-3437, abrumbach@newyorkbiomass.org. -30-



Planting willow at Celtic Energy Farm, Cape Vincent, NY (Jefferson County). The farm has approximately 1100 acres growing willow to supply ReEnergy power plants in Black River and Lyonsdale, NY; photo: NYBEA.

Learn more about bioenergy crop production in Northern New York at <http://www.nnyagdev.org/index.php/bio-energy/>.