

July 25, 2017

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Dear Committee Chairs:

Minnesota became the first state in the country to mandate the use of biodiesel in September of 2005 and currently requires a minimum content level of ten percent biodiesel (B10) in diesel fuel sold in Minnesota for the months of April through September.

By law, Minnesota's minimum content mandate is set to increase to 20% biodiesel (B20) on May 1, 2018. Before a new mandate can be implemented, however, the law (Minn. Stat. § 239.77, Subd. 2 (a)) requires the commissioners of agriculture, commerce and the pollution control agency to determine whether four statutory conditions have been met. These conditions involve federal standards for blend specifications, the production capacity of biodiesel in Minnesota, the amount of infrastructure and regulatory protocol for biodiesel blending, and the source of feedstocks.

After an interagency review and in consultation with the Minnesota Biodiesel Task Force, stakeholders, and technical experts, we have determined that these four conditions have been met, and Minnesota is prepared to move to the next scheduled minimum content level of 20% (B20) on May 1, 2018.

Attached to this letter are the state's findings and a notice will be published in the July 31, 2017 edition of the Minnesota State Register.

Please contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

Signed copy on file

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