



May 1, 2009

## Green Plains Information Update

OMAHA, NE -- (MARKET WIRE) -- 05/01/2009 --

Green Plains Annual Shareholder Meeting  
Thursday, May 7th at 10:00 am CDT  
Hilton Omaha (Downtown next to the Qwest Center)  
1001 Cass Street  
Omaha, Nebraska

Ballroom B

E15 Notice

TAKE ACTION TODAY: SUPPORT E15

Growth Energy and 54 ethanol manufacturers (including Green Plains Renewable Energy) requested that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) increase ethanol blend levels in gasoline up to 15 percent (E15). Your support of homegrown ethanol is needed now more than ever. We only have 30 days to make ourselves heard, so please join me in submitting your thoughts on the benefits of ethanol to the EPA as soon as possible. I assure you that the environmentalists and the oil industry will send thousands of comments against the waiver, so it is imperative that we have comments in favor of expanding our market. There are several ways your voice can be heard on this issue. Our goal is to get at least 20,000 individual comments to the EPA. So please encourage friends and family to participate as well.

The simplest way to participate is to submit comments to the EPA at [www.GoE15.com](http://www.GoE15.com).

Comments can also be submitted to the EPA via the following methods:

- Email your comments to [a-and-r-docket@epa.gov](mailto:a-and-r-docket@epa.gov)
- Fax your comments to (202) 566-1741.
- Mail your comments, please include two copies and send them to:  
Air and Radiation Docket  
Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2009-0211  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Mailcode: 6102T  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

If you submit your comments by one of these methods you must a) identify by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2009-0211, b) include your name and contact information

First, please provide insight on how you may be involved in or impacted by the ethanol industry and second, please include at least 3 of the following points in your comment submission:

- I strongly support increasing the blend of ethanol in our gasoline to 15 percent.
  - We will grow our economy and create American jobs by moving to E15.
  - According to a recent study conducted by North Dakota University researchers, moving to E15 will create more than 136,000 new green-collar jobs.
  - Increasing blend levels from 10 to 15 percent will generate \$24.4 billion for the U.S. economy and will displace seven

billion gallons of imported gasoline each year.

- The science overwhelmingly supports E15 -- in fact, there has been more testing of E15 than there has been of any other fuel additive in the history of the EPA waiver process.
  - Oak Ridge National Laboratory research for the Department of Energy (DOE) that studied the effects of E15 on motor vehicles and small non-road engines concluded that when compared to traditional gasoline, E15 caused no significant changes in vehicle tailpipe emissions or drivability.
  - The recent Minnesota Drivability Study presents data to support that using E15 results in no difference in drivability compared to gasoline.
  - A report studying blends ranging from E10 - E85, prepared for the Energy & Environmental Research Center and Minnesota Center for Automotive Research for American Coalition, found exhaust emissions levels for all vehicles at all blend levels were within the applicable Clean Air Act standards.

If you need assistance with submitting your comment, please contact the Growth Energy Midwest office at (402) 932-0567 or [info@GrowthEnergy.org](mailto:info@GrowthEnergy.org)

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