

# Advanced Biofuels for a Truly Sustainable Renewable Future



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**Advocates** for the adoption of advanced biofuels as an

- energy security,
- military flexibility,
- economic development
- climate change mitigation
- pollution control

**solution.**

Feedstock, Process, Product Agnostic

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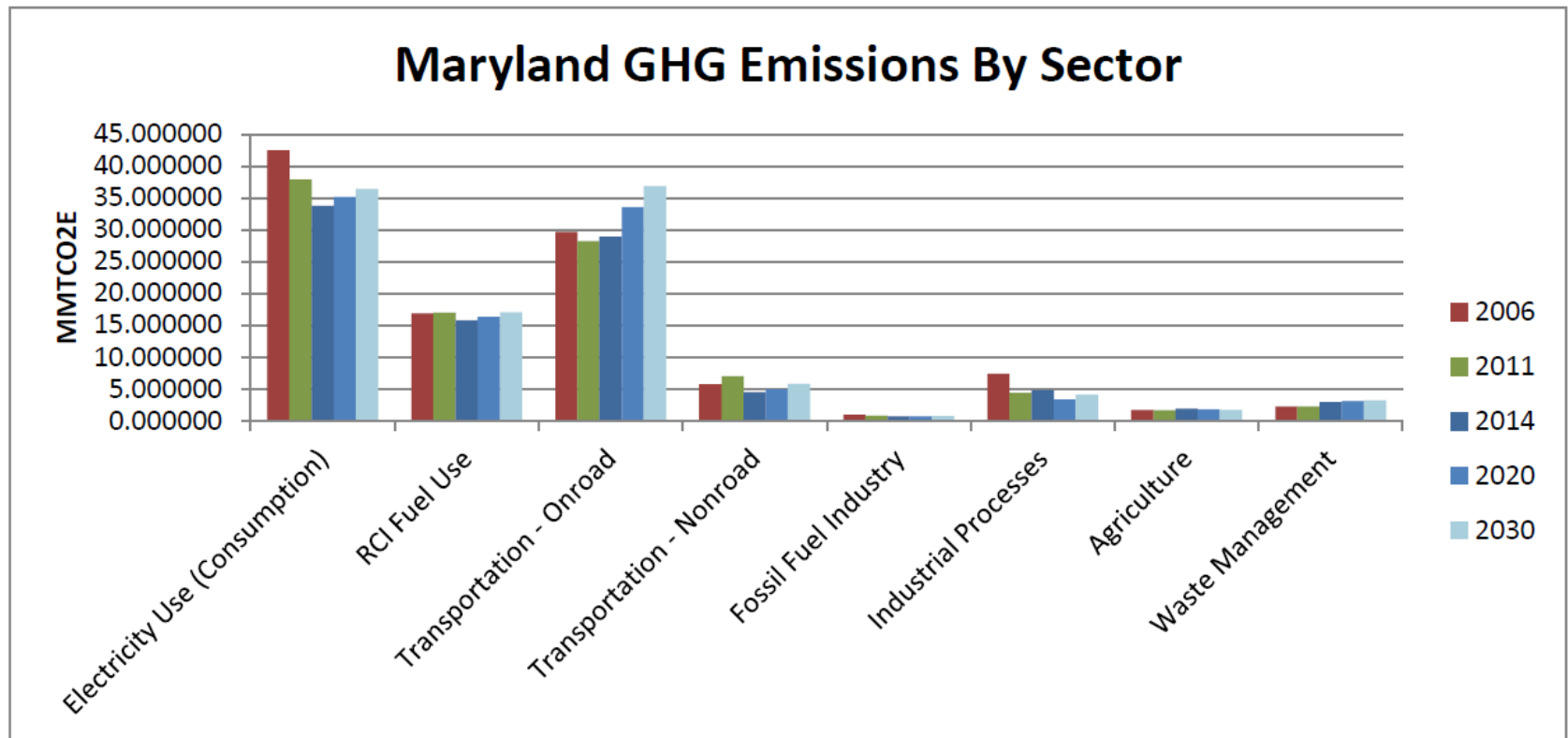


Figure 2.3-2: Maryland GHG Projected Emissions by Sector.

Maryland's projected emissions in 2030 (106.04 MMTCO<sub>2</sub>E) will represent a slight decline in GHG emission from the 2006 Base Year.

**RENEWABLE FUELS: the most cost effective way to reduce the greatest amount of GHG in the shortest amount of time and bring investments and jobs.**

# Maryland Electric and Hydrogen Fuel Cell Vehicle Sales Projection through 2030

(page 69 GHGA Draft Plan)

Figure 4.3-6 below presents the projected ZEV deployment curve through 2030 based on a 2017 base year. Maryland costs to facilitate this level of deployment includes up to \$1.2 million annually through 2030 for the Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Rebate Program and other costs associated with matching federal grants to expand public EV charging infrastructure throughout Maryland.

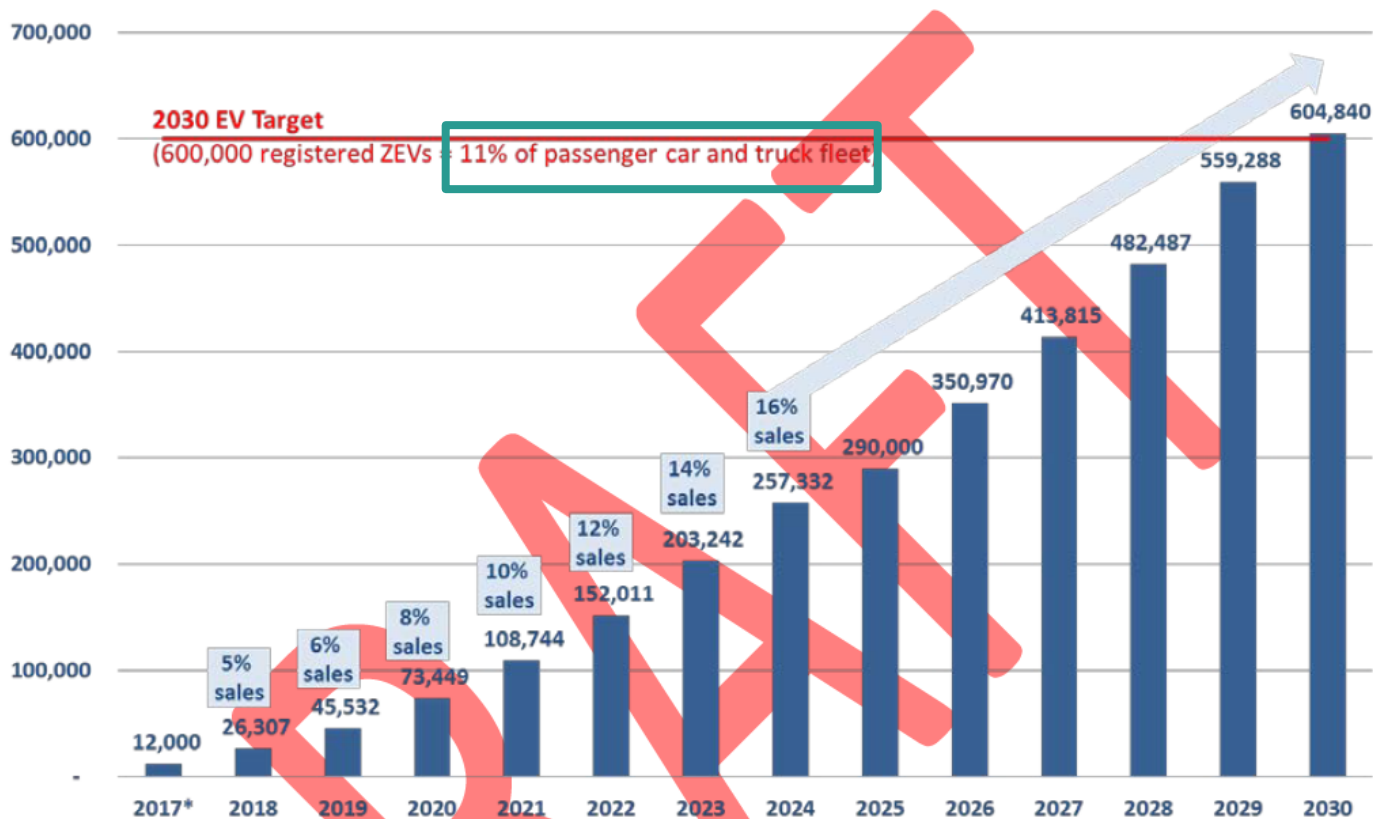


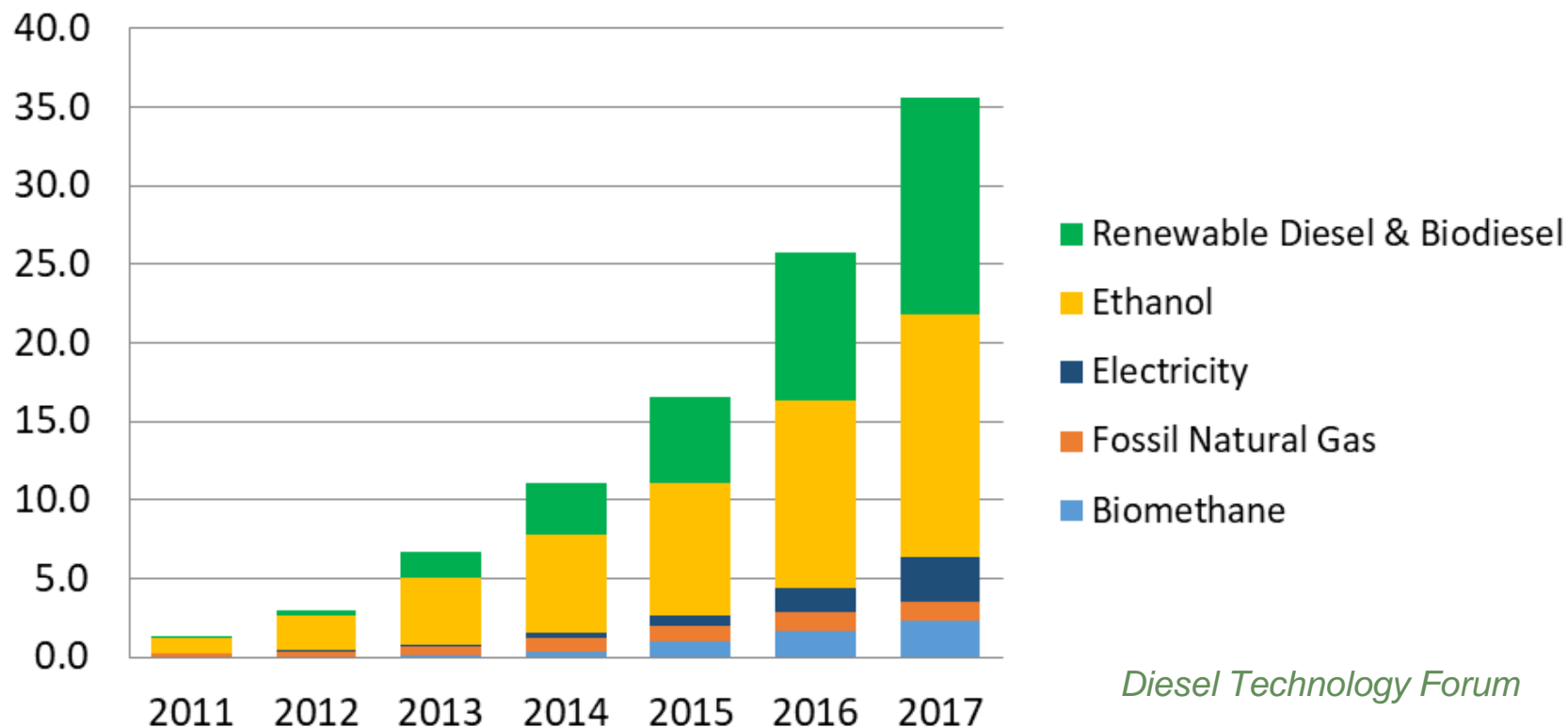
Figure 4.3-6. Electric Vehicle Deployment Approach.

# California Low Carbon Fuel Standard

## *Success of Renewable Fuels Reducing GHG*

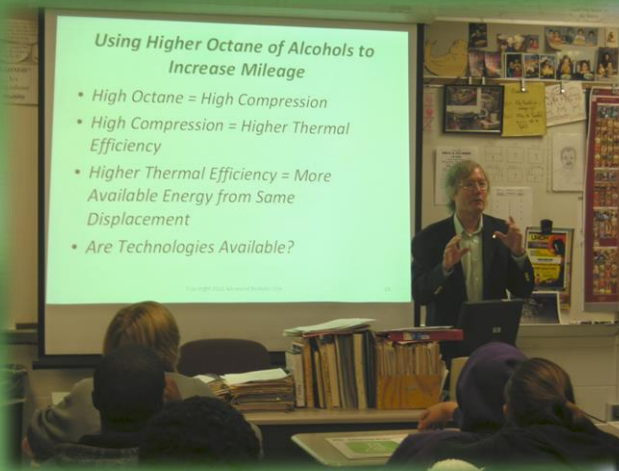
### Cumulative CO2 Reductions (million tons)

SOURCE: California Energy Commission, Low Carbon Fuel Standard Dashboard



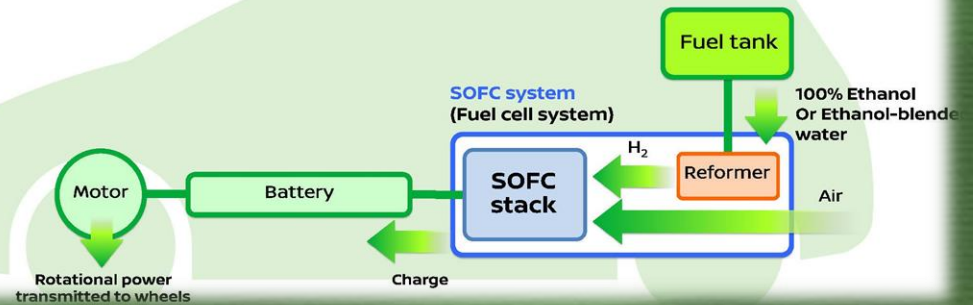
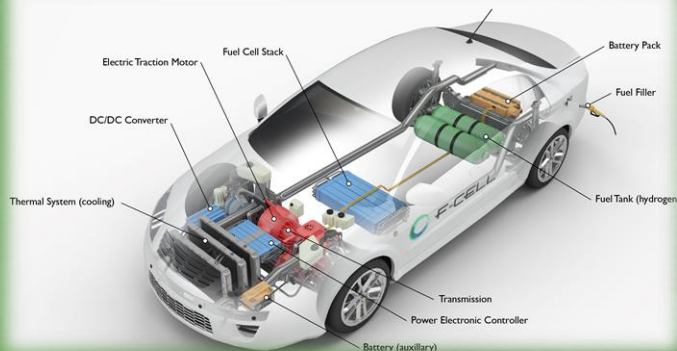
*Diesel Technology Forum*

# High octane fuels for high mileage vehicles



# Hydrogen or Ethanol for Fuel Cells

Hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle





# What Are Renewable Fuels Used for Today?

## • Fueling Cars and Trucks



## Heating Fuel



**ULTRA  
LOW-SULFUR  
HIGHWAY  
DIESEL FUEL**  
(15 ppm Sulfur  
Maximum)

Required for use in all  
highway diesel  
vehicles and engines.

## Biodiesel Blend

contains less than 5%  
biomass-based diesel  
or biodiesel

Recommended for use  
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and engines.

## • Fueling Aircraft



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# Not just ethanol

*Ethanol is a biofuel, not the only biofuel.*

Biodiesel  
Renewable Diesel  
DME  
Biogas/Renewable Natural Gas  
Biojet (Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF))  
Biobutanol  
Renewable Hydrogen  
Drop-in Hydrocarbons  
BioHeat ®  
Cooking Fuel  
Rocket Fuel



# Feedstocks: Not Just Corn

- Algae
- Corn stover
- Corn cobs
- Energy cane
- Sorghum
- Forest waste, residues
- Municipal waste
- Sawdust
- Chicken manure
- Agricultural residues
- Dairy Waste
- Food Processing Waste
- Grasses such as
  - Switchgrass
  - Miscanthus
- Sugar beets/ Energy Beets
- Coffee grounds
- Jatropha
- Camelina, Carinata, Canola
- Cassava
- Paper/pulp mill waste
- Used telephone poles
- Oil seed crops
- Thin air
- Fatbergs
- Halophytes...



# Renewable Fuels and Chemicals, Not Just Bio-Based -- Recycling Carbon

## Waste Carbon as a Resource for Product Synthesis



- Flue Gas/Industrial Waste Gas
- Recycled Plastic, Tires
- Municipal Waste
- Carbon Capture and Reuse



# Some Feedstock Conversion Processes

## Biochemical

- Fermentation
- Anaerobic digestion
- Plant extraction
- Transesterification
- Hydrolysis
- Enzymatic catalysis
- CO<sub>2</sub>-to-liquid bio-catalytic conversion

## Thermochemical

- Gasification
- Plasma arc gasification
- Pyrolysis
- Hydrothermal liquefaction
- Thermochemical conversion of sugars



# Energy Beet Projects in Maryland, Florida



Key concepts: NO lignin  
High yield (2 times corn/acre)  
Animal feed co-products



Municipal Solid Waste

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Energy Beet Biomass Before Processing

Soluble Biofuel Sugars Produced from Energy Beet Biomass

Proteins for Poultry Feed Energy Beet Biomass After Processing

ADVANCED NCD

Green Freshness: A Sustainable Protein Alternative

Source Biomass Cattle

# Algae Projects in Maryland

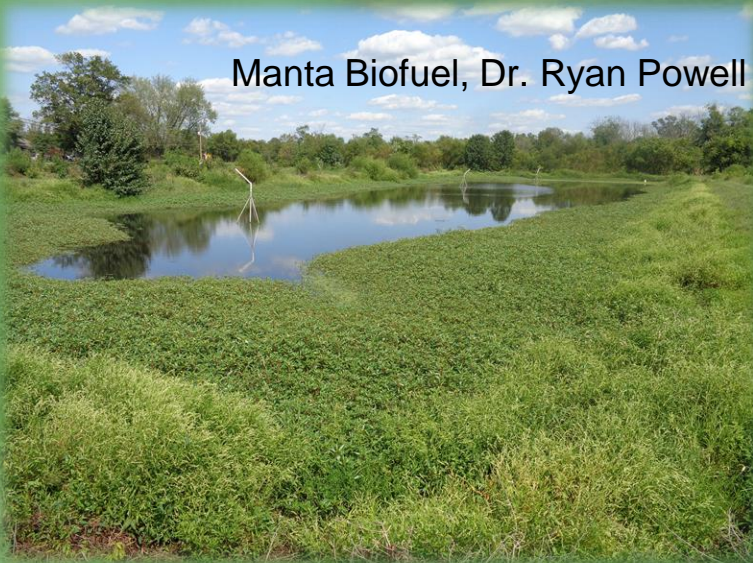
- Cyanobacteria
- Wastewater Treatment
- Agricultural Algae



Dr. Viji Sither, Morgan State



Dr. Stephanie Lansing, UMD  
College Park



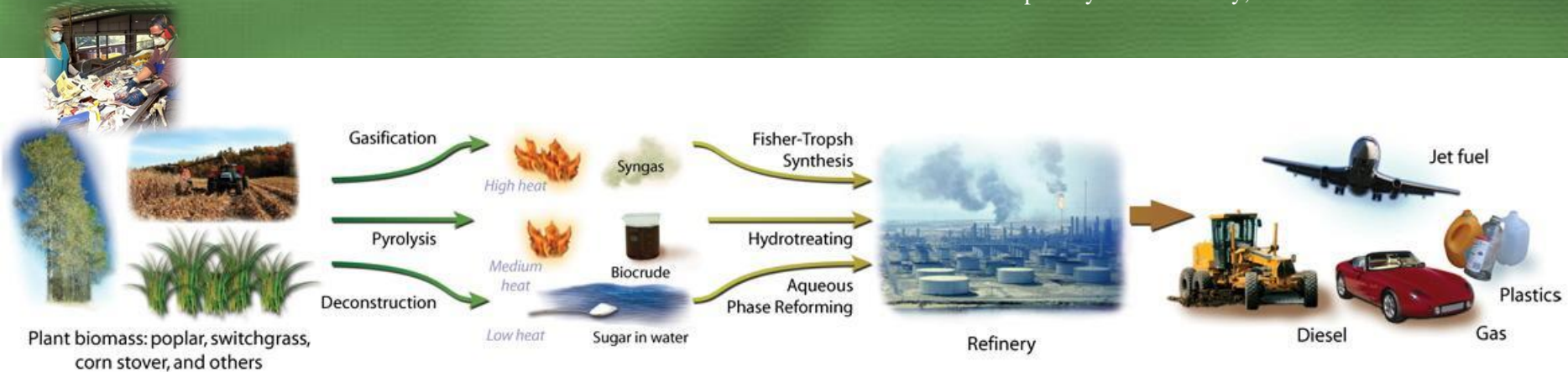
Manta Biofuel, Dr. Ryan Powell



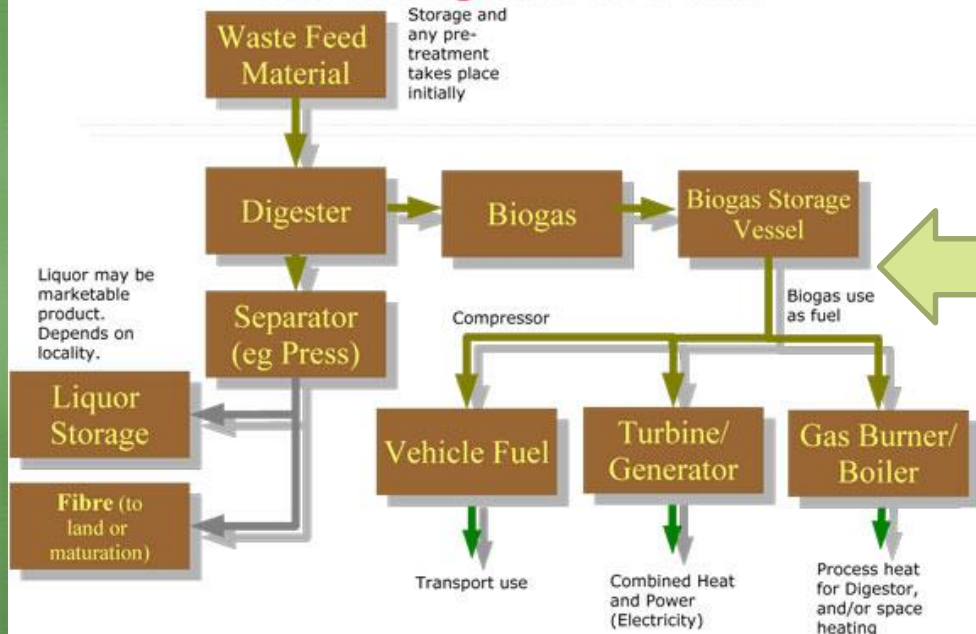


# Process Path: Feedstock-to-Fuels and Products

Graphic by Zina Deretsky, National Science Foundation

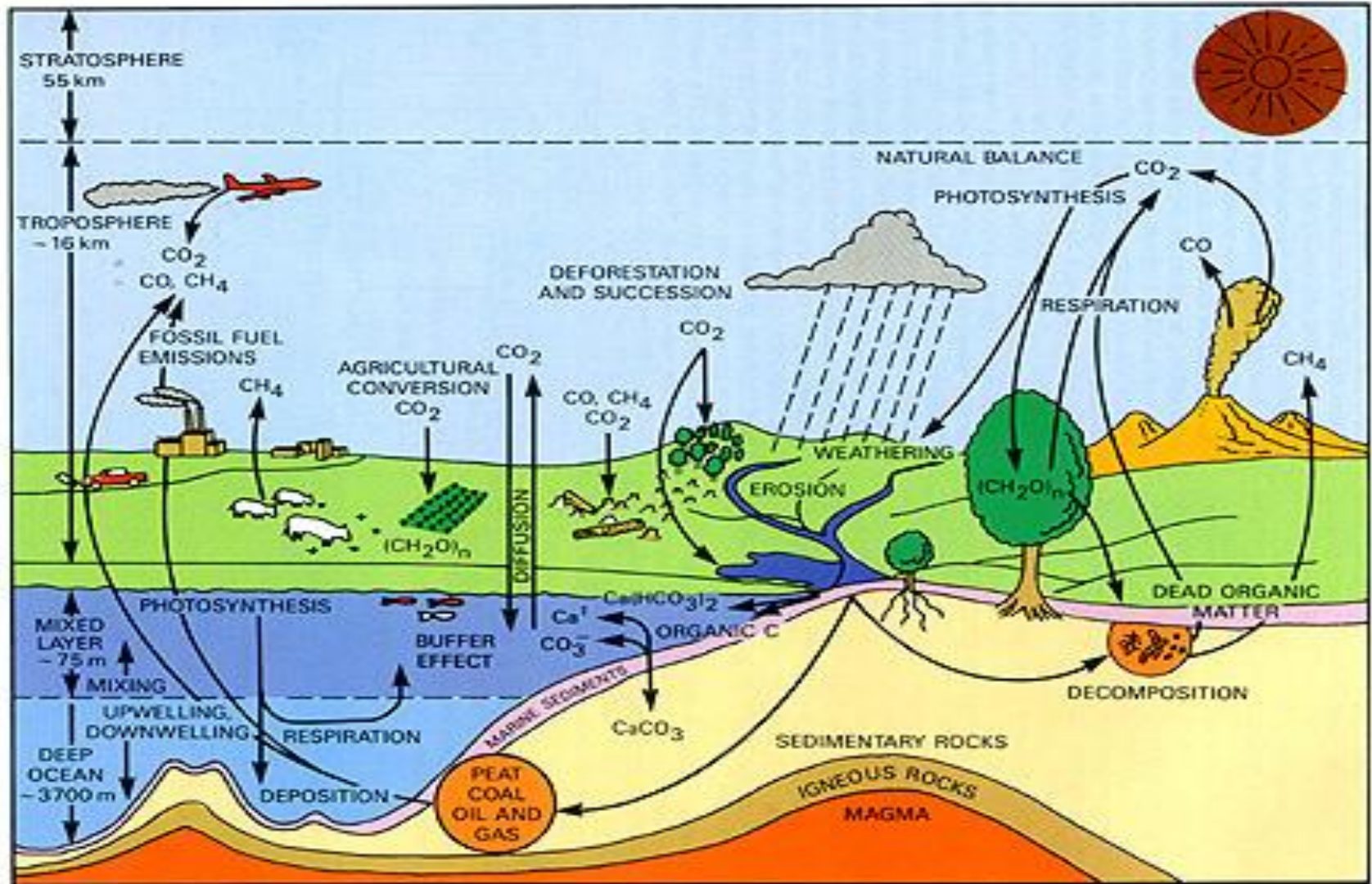


## Anaerobic Digestion Flow Chart



Biogas to Renewable Natural Gas cleanup needed

# Sustainability: Recycling Carbon / Life Cycle Analysis

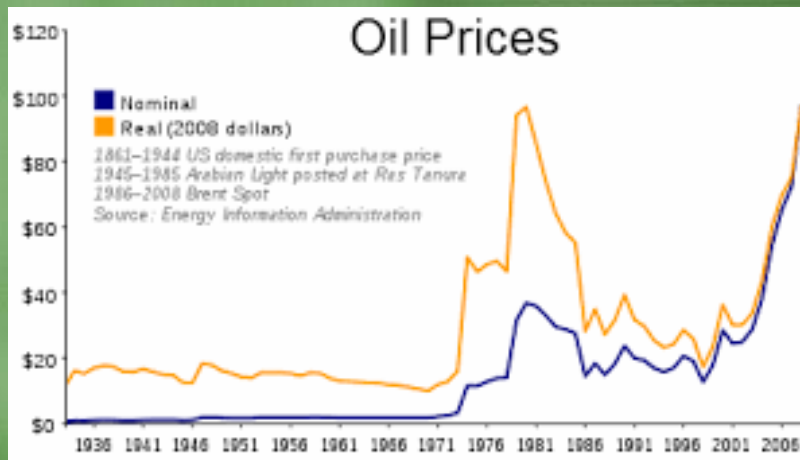


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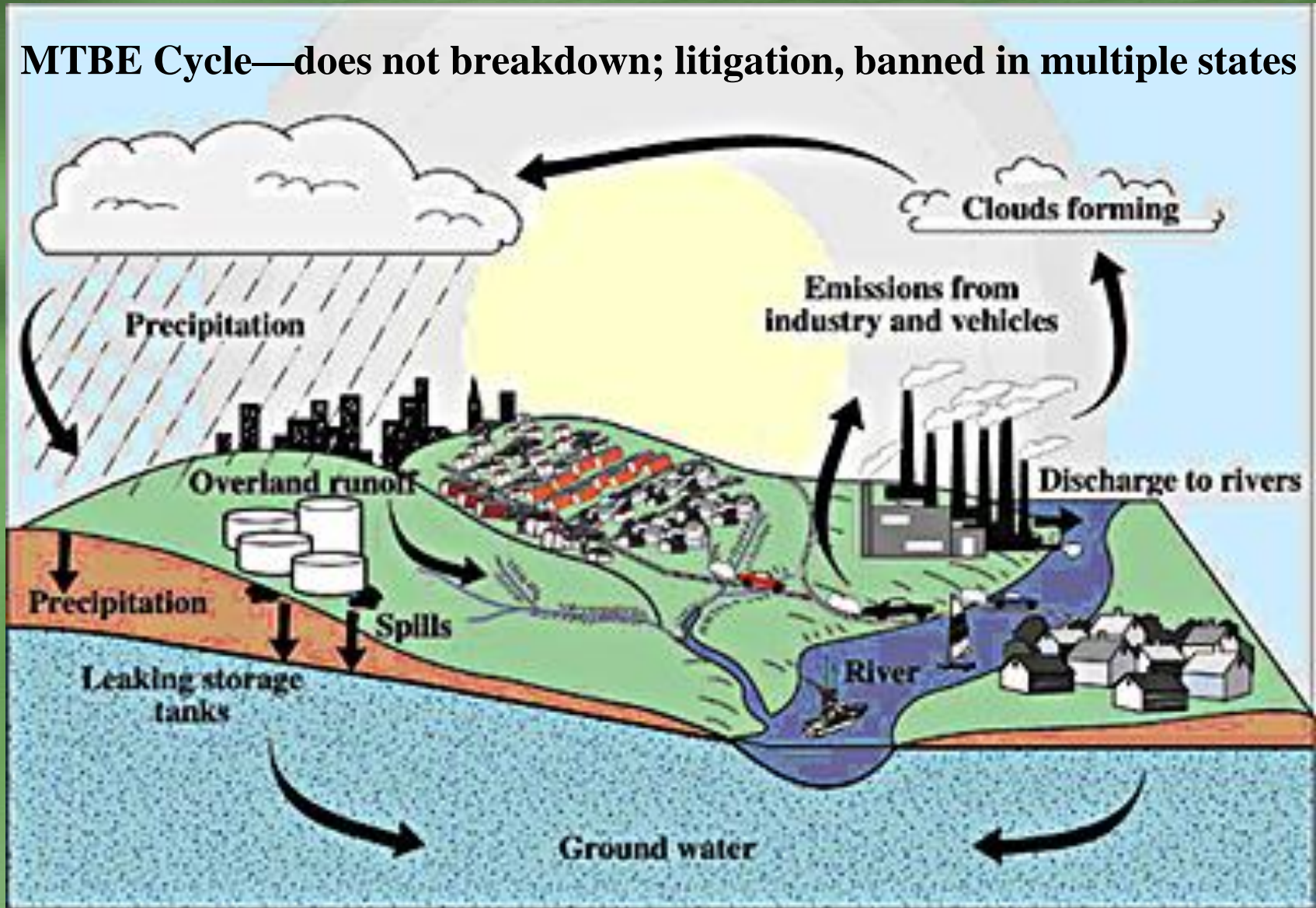
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# Oil Disruption--Geo-Political --1973 Oil Embargo Spurred Development of Home-Grown Fuel



# 2006 Ethanol Replaces Carcinogenic MTBE as an oxygenate, serves as a source of octane.

MTBE Cycle—does not breakdown; litigation, banned in multiple states



# Ethanol

- **Substitute for Carcinogenic Aromatics**
- **Replaces MTBE in Gasoline** -- Urban Air Initiative
- **Less Expensive, Less Harmful Octane**
- **Fuel for Fuel Cells**

## Biodiesel and Renewable Diesel

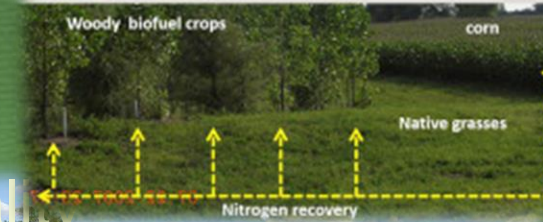
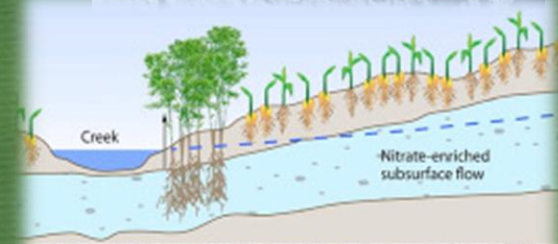
- **Low Sulfur**
- **Cleaner Burning**
- **Fewer Particulates**
- **Less Maintenance**



# Why Replacing Fossil-Fuel Oil With Advanced Transportation Biofuels is Important—

## Solutions to Problems

- Reduce carbon footprints
- Erosion control
- Waste water treatment
- Remediation of contaminated soil
- Nutrient management
- Carbon sequestration
- Alternative to carcinogens / Air Quality
- Overflowing landfill relief/plastic recycling
- Burning agricultural waste in fields
- Grease (fatbergs) in sewers
- Contaminated black market used cooking oil



# A Few Types of Jobs Available in Advanced Biofuels from Feedstock Development and Production through Fuel Sales

- Agronomists
- Farmers / Farm workers
- Farm equipment designers
- Biologists
- Chemists/ Chemical engineers
- Mechanical engineers
- Electrical engineers
- Researchers into bioenergy crop development
- Lab Technicians
- Industrial Engineers
- Plant Operations Managers
- Welders/Boilermakers
- Accountants
- Agriculture/horticulture experts
- Freight railroad operators, engineers, loaders, unloaders
- Equipment operators, technicians
- Farm product purchasers/traders
- Agricultural Inspectors
- Computer Software Engineers
- Truck drivers
- Equipment operators
- Lawyers
- Office Personnel
- Investors
- Others?



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## *Shortest Time*

- Fuel for existing planes, trains, automobiles, equipment
- Fuel for non-EV vehicles that will continue to be bought, especially by:
  - Lower income people
  - Rural residents
  - Those with long commutes (*responsible for many vehicle miles traveled*)
- Don't have to wait for electricity to be renewable or batteries "fair trade"

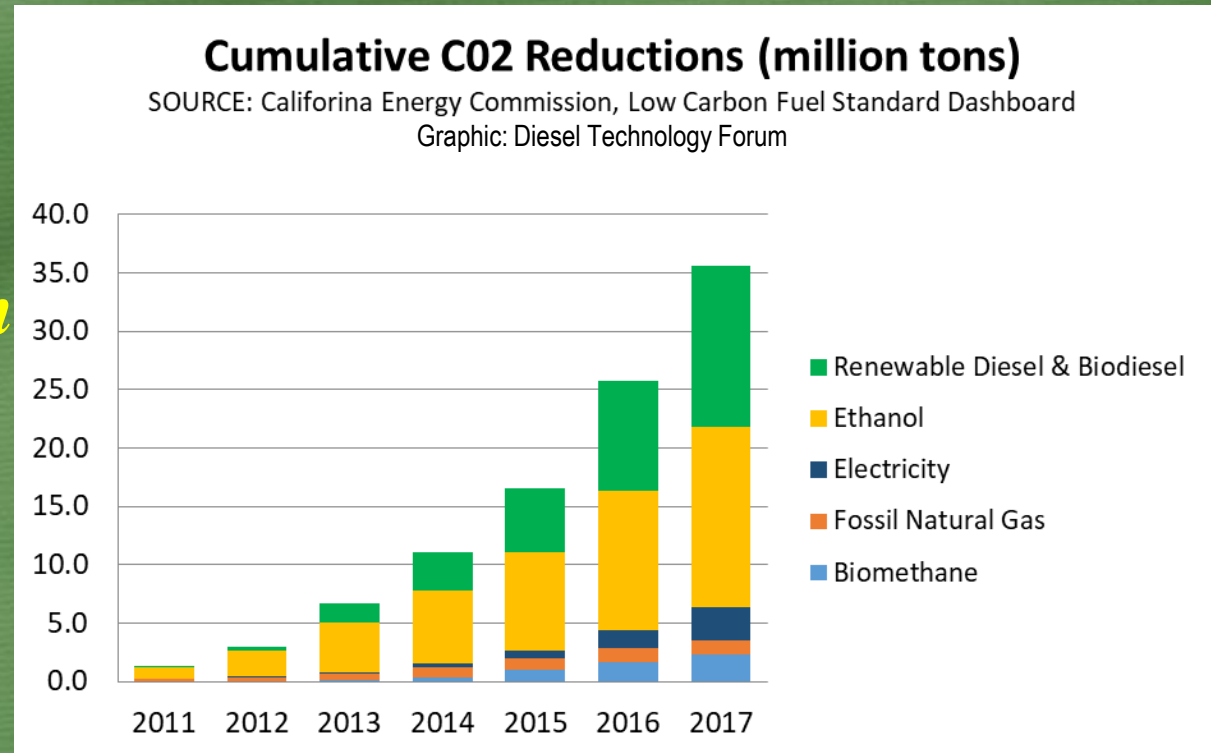
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## *Most Cost Effective*

- **People who can't afford EVs can lower carbon footprint of current and future vehicles with less expensive fuel** (November 1, 2019, in the US. Fossil gasoline with no ethanol was \$3.09/gallon; with E15, more than 60 cents less (\$2.45) and E85 nearly a dollar less (\$2.14))
- **Infrastructure change to existing fuel stations; can be part of scheduled equipment replacement**

# Renewable Fuels' Role in GHG Reduction

*Greatest Amount  
of GHG Reduction*



# Proposals

- **Include Renewable Fuels in GHG Reduction Plan**
  - **Financing Infrastructure and R&D**
  - **Promote Development and Use**
- **Look at Low Carbon Fuel Standard models to address gaps**
  - **Incorporate into regional Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI)**
- **Disappearing Carbon User Fee**
  - **Prioritize funding for renewable fuel infrastructure and use for low income and high pollution areas**

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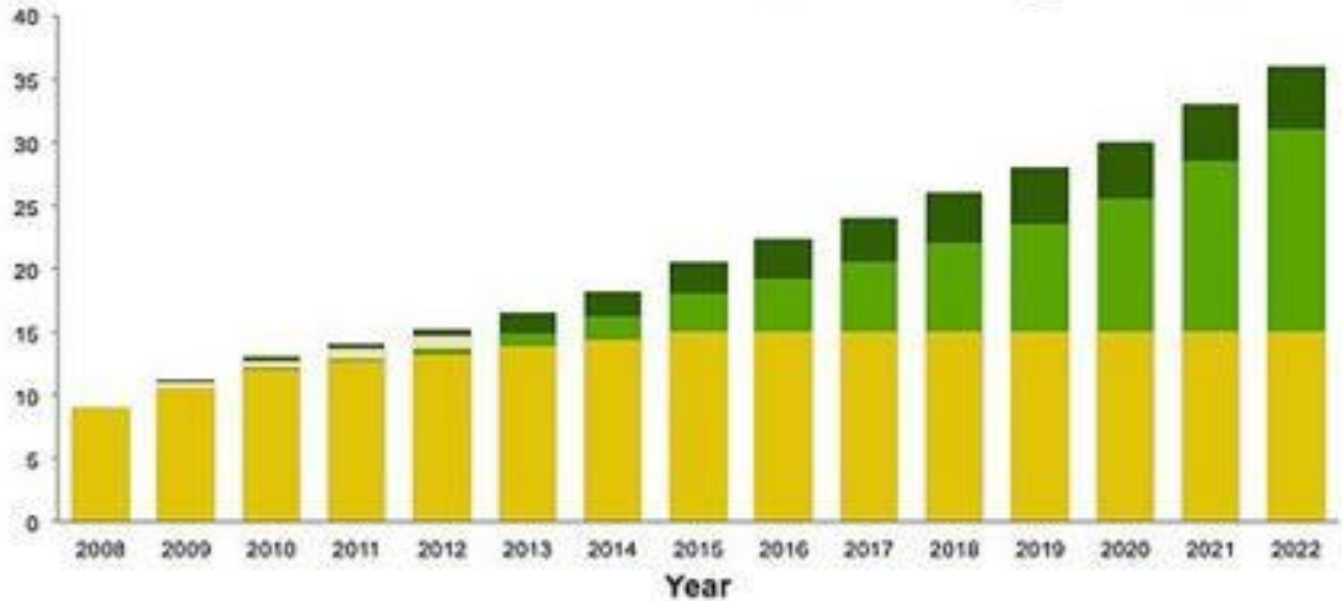
# History of Ethanol in US: Federal Policy

## 2007 Renewable Fuel Standard

Sec. 202 Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007

(Billion Gallons/Year)

### Renewable Fuel Standard (billions of gallons)



■ Conventional Biofuel (mostly corn) ■ Cellulosic Biofuel  
■ Biomass-based Diesel\* ■ Undifferentiated Advanced Biofuel

After 2022 EPA determines volumes based on six criteria

\* After 2012, the volumes of biomass based diesel are determined by a regulatory process.