



Another REG-9000™ Biodiesel Producer Earns BQ-9000 Listing
REG Houston biodiesel plant earns production quality status

HOUSTON, Texas. (Oct. 30, 2009) – U.S. biodiesel industry sales leader Renewable Energy Group® (REG®) today announced an eighth “BQ-9000 Producer” status has been awarded in its national production and marketing network. REG Houston has earned BQ-9000 Producer status from the National Biodiesel Board and the National Biodiesel Accreditation Commission.

Owned by Renewable Energy Group, REG Houston is a state-of-the-art, 35-million-gallon per-year biodiesel production facility. REG is responsible marketing REG-9000™ branded biodiesel produced at the Seabrook, Texas facility.

“Major petroleum companies, refiners and petroleum distributors are taking action as the biodiesel volume requirements of the RFS-2 approach. The addition of BQ-9000 Producer status to this plant’s list of quality achievements offers additional value for petroleum markets in Texas and the entire Gulf Coast,” said REG’s Vice President of Sales and Marketing, Gary Haer. “BQ-9000 Producer status is one of the ways REG biodiesel production facilities are working to satisfy quality demands of the RFS-2’s obligated parties, pipeline operators, original equipment manufacturers and diesel-powered equipment across the country.”

Biodiesel from REG Houston meets REG-9000 specifications which exceed the ASTM D6751 industry quality standards for biodiesel. Every lot of biodiesel marketed by REG is accompanied by a Certificate of Analysis outlining biodiesel quality. REG Houston is the eighth plant for which REG markets fuel that has received BQ-9000 Producer status. Blackhawk Biofuels in Danville Ill. earned its BQ-9000 Producer status in July.

“The National Biodiesel Accreditation Commission appreciates REG’s continued commitment to biodiesel quality. The BQ-9000 certification of the REG Houston facility demonstrates this commitment to fuel quality,” explained Leland Tong, National Biodiesel Accreditation Commission chairman.

BQ-9000 is a voluntary quality-assurance program that helps companies improve fuel testing. It is comprehensive, including procedures for fuel handling and management throughout the distribution system, all the way to the customer’s fuel tank. Accreditation demonstrates quality- control processes are in place at the facility that ensures biodiesel produced there will meet the ASTM D6751 specification for biodiesel.