

the USDA, “to receive payment, eligible advanced biofuels must have been produced in a biofuel facility located in a rural area and whose owners met U.S. citizenship requirements.” After receiving several comments questioning the eligibility requirements, the USDA issued the change. One of the groups contesting the initial requirements was the **Indiana Soybean Alliance**, speaking in particular for the large Indiana refinery owned by **Louis Dreyfus, Claypool LD Biodiesel and Soybean Processing Plant**.

► **American Electric Power Co. Inc.** announced Aug. 26 that it is seeking quotes for the supply of biodiesel to one or more of its coal-fired power plants in Ohio. Quotes were to be received by Sept. 23. According to AEP spokeswoman Melissa McHenry, the company is investigating the use of biodiesel-blended fuel oil as a possible compliance strategy to meet Ohio’s alternative energy requirements. The biodiesel blend would replace petroleum fuel oil used for flame startup and stabilization. AEP is interested in using

three different blends of biodiesel at its facilities. According to McHenry, B99.9 can be used from April 15 to Oct. 14. A blend of B50 can be used in the facilities from Oct. 15 through Dec. 14, while a B30 blend can be used from Dec. 15 to April 14.



► Industrial biotechnology company **Solazyme Inc.** announced that **Bunge Limited**, a leading global agribusiness and food company, has joined its Series D round as a strategic investor. The strategic investment represents a foundational step for the two companies to collaborate at critical portions of a new value chain enabled by Solazyme’s sugar-to-oil technology platform. Bunge is one of the world’s largest originators and distributors of vegetable oils and one of the largest sugarcane processing companies in Brazil. Braemer Energy Ventures and Morgan Stanley led Solazyme’s Series D round, with all major existing investors from previous rounds participating, including Lightspeed Venture Partners, The Roda Group, Harris and Harris Group, VantagePoint Venture Partners and Zygote Ventures. Existing strategic investors CTTV Investments LLC, the venture capital arm of Chevron Technology Ventures LLC, and San-Ei

Gen, a major Japanese manufacturer and distributor of food ingredients, also participated.

► **Alternative Petroleum Technologies** has developed an emulsified biodiesel fuel—a proprietary blend of water, a surfactant additive and biodiesel—that eliminates the increased emissions of nitrogen oxides often associated with biodiesel use, the company said. This technology has been used in both on-road and off-road diesel engines to prove the NOx mitigation benefit of emulsified biodiesel blends relative to conventional biodiesel. APT chose biodiesel produced by Community Fuels in a demonstration of the technology at the Port of Los Angeles. The APT emulsified biodiesel fuel has reduced NOx emissions over a wide range of biodiesel blend levels. For B20, NOx emissions were 4.9 percent lower compared to conventional biodiesel and only 0.6 percent higher compared to ULSD.



► Ft. Collins, Colo.-based **New Belgium Brewing** cycled through the Midwest portion of its renowned 13-city, national bicycle festival dubbed the **Tour de Fat**—aptly named after the brewery’s signature **Fat Tire beer**—and welcomed a generous supply of B100 supplied by Ames, Iowa-based producer **Renewable Energy Group Inc.** at

events hosted in Chicago, Minneapolis and Milwaukee. REG provided B100 made from corn oil at its 30 MMgy facility in Newton, Iowa, to Fort Dodge, Iowa-based Decker Truck Lines LLC, which served as the event hauler for the Midwest portion of the Tour de Fat.

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