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## **American Trucking Association Endorses B5**

*ATA resolution recognizes biodiesel as an effective part of solution to fuel woes*

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – The American Trucking Associations’ (ATA) Board of Directors this week unanimously endorsed an energy resolution that includes promoting low blends of biodiesel as part of the organization’s efforts to help shape a strong national energy plan.

The resolution, sanctioned by the board members at ATA’s annual Management Conference and Exhibition in Boston, looks to increase the diesel fuel supply; improve the balance between environmental concerns and fuel efficiency; eliminate boutique diesel fuels; and “promote biodiesel use” of up to 5 percent (B5). The resolution says “biodiesel may be an effective means to extend the supply of diesel fuel.”

“ATA is proud to endorse the use of biodiesel in blends of up to 5 percent,” said Rich Moskowitz, ATA regulatory affairs counsel. “It fits in with our mission of ensuring an adequate diesel fuel supply – something important to the trucking industry. Promoting B5 is a step in the right direction.”

Biodiesel is a cleaner burning fuel that can be made from any fat or vegetable oil, such as soybean oil, and works in any diesel engine. Biodiesel can be blended with petroleum diesel at any level. The ATA resolution calls for only biodiesel that meets the national standard (ASTM D-6751) to be used.

The renewable fuel’s momentum within the trucking industry is gaining strength as a growing number of truckers fill their rigs with biodiesel blends. With support from legendary musician and biodiesel advocate Willie Nelson, the trucking industry is turning to biodiesel as an American-made fuel with the added benefits of helping to support American farmers and protecting the environment.

“A federal biodiesel tax incentive is helping to make biodiesel more cost competitive, and each day we hear about new truckers who are interested in biodiesel’s benefits,” said Joe Jobe, chief executive officer of the National Biodiesel Board (NBB). “We always knew biodiesel would appeal to truckers, but in such a cost sensitive market we have been very pleased by the recent show of support, even when blends cost more. We look forward to working with ATA and independent truckers on being a part of the solution to their fuel supply concerns.”

Jobe recently spoke at the ATA annual conference, where it was agreed that NBB and ATA would work towards a joint policy resolution that would facilitate greater cooperation on energy issues in Washington. Jobe noted he is hopeful that the cooperation will lead to greater ATA support of higher blends.

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Biodiesel blends meeting the American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM) standard are available to truckers at fueling sites throughout the country. In response to the tremendous interest in biodiesel from the trucking industry, NBB has created a new Web site as a resource specifically for truckers ([www.biotrucker.com](http://www.biotrucker.com)). Biotrucker.com includes the latest information about biodiesel availability, trucker testimonials, technical information, discussion boards and other current news from the biodiesel industry. Truckers are encouraged to show their support for biodiesel by becoming a "BioTrucker" to receive the latest biodiesel-related news and information.

B5 performs just like diesel in horsepower, haulage and torque, and has higher average cetane than most regular diesel. With biodiesel's high flash point and non-toxicity, it is extremely safe to use and handle. It also has the highest energy balance of any fuel according to a Department of Energy/Department of Agriculture Life Cycle analysis; for every unit of fossil energy put into producing biodiesel, 3.2 units are gained.

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*To see the ATA resolution, visit the ATA Web site at [www.truckline.com](http://www.truckline.com). Truckers can learn more about biodiesel by visiting [www.biotrucker.com](http://www.biotrucker.com), a Web site sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Biodiesel Education Program.*