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Former Air Pollution Control Official Warns of Penalties in California Carbon Modeling

Lincoln, Nebraska, November 10, 2011: In a new report released here today it was revealed that the California Low Carbon Fuel Standard unfairly penalizes domestic ethanol and could effectively ban Midwest product from that market over the next several years.

Bill Roddy, Director of Environmental Compliance with ERI Solutions, and Director of Kern Air Pollution Control District in California, addressed a meeting of the Nebraska Ethanol Board today where he warned of dire consequences resulting from indirect land use change (ILUC) penalties incorporated into both federal and California modeling. **Carbon Modeling and ILUC—Separating Fact From Fiction** is a new White Paper authored by Roddy in which he explains the process under which ethanol must meet a “carbon intensity” standard. According to Mr. Roddy, California has adopted a model that assumes a far greater penalty for ILUC than is reasonable. In fact he argues no crops grown in the United States have been displaced to the point they must now be grown in other countries and there should be no penalty at all.

The punitive assumptions in the models result in ethanol being rated as more carbon intensive than the gasoline it is blended with. “There are a number of peer reviewed carbon models in the public domain but they differ by as much as 40% in terms of their results,” said Roddy. “There is a shared belief by many in the European Union and the U.S. that ILUC carbon modeling science does not yet exist to support any ILUC penalty,” he said. There is no land use change penalty in the European models.

In his presentation to the Nebraska Ethanol Board and in the White Paper Mr. Roddy presents comparisons between some of the accepted peer reviewed models and points out the discrepancies.

Todd Sneller, Administrator of the Nebraska Ethanol Board, said, “It is important our producers understand the ramifications of this ILUC provision and work to have it modified. California represents 20% or more of the fuel market in the US and it is preposterous to claim ethanol has a higher carbon content than the gasoline it replaces.”

Sneller also serves as Chairman of the Clean Fuels Development Coalition and the Clean Fuels Foundation that are working to have these issues resolved at both the EPA and state level.

The White Paper is part of an ongoing series produced by the Clean Fuel Foundation and the **Ethanol Across America** education program. To Download a copy log onto www.ethanolcrossamerica.net, www.nebraskethanol.org or contact either the Clean Fuels Development Coalition or the Nebraska Ethanol Board for print copies.

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