



Biomass Power Association Encouraged by Proposed “Boiler MACT” Legislation

Bipartisan Legislation Would Grant EPA Sufficient Time to Study Boiler Emissions of Commonly-Used Biomass Materials

Washington, DC – June 22, 2011 – The Biomass Power Association expressed gratitude today to a bipartisan group of eight members of the House of Representatives for introducing legislation that would enable the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) much-needed time to study boiler emissions for several types of solid waste commonly used by biomass facilities. The legislation, H.R. 2250, was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce this morning by sponsors Rep. Griffith Morgan (R-VA) and Rep. G.K. Butterfield (D-NC), along with co-sponsors Reps. John Barrow (D-GA), Jim Matheson (D-UT), Cathy McMorris-Rodgers (R-WA), Pete Olson (R-TX), Mike Ross (D-AR) and Steve Scalise (R-LA).

“The Biomass Power Association is greatly encouraged by this common-sense, bipartisan proposed legislation,” said Bob Cleaves, President and CEO of the Biomass Power Association. “The additional time afforded to the EPA would enable the Agency to properly complete its study of solid waste boiler emissions. This will help ensure that the EPA gets Boiler MACT and related solid waste rules right the first time – and it will help protect the biomass industry from the undue burden of meeting harsh emissions standards that do not apply to our industry.”

In a joint effort with American Forest and Paper Association and several other groups, the Biomass Power Association has been strongly advocating for more time for the EPA to complete its study on Boiler MACT and related rules. The Agency itself has stated the need for more time, but was forced by a court ruling to enact the proposed rules prior to the completion of its study.

Biomass power is a \$1 billion industry with 80 facilities in 20 states and provides over 14,000 jobs nationwide. Power plants are predominately located in rural communities, creating thousands of jobs and producing millions in revenue for small towns. Biomass power is a clean and abundant source of electricity that will allow states to pursue even more aggressive goals for increasing their use of renewable energy in the future.
