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Evansville's leaders rolled out the red carpet for developers looking to build a \$42 million biodiesel production facility in south-central Wisconsin. That's the way the *Janesville Gazette* reported a meeting between NPP and Evansville's economic development committee in mid-July. Committee member John Decker offered his personal time and that of other members to help with planning and permits while Roger Berg told North Prairie representatives they would be treated fairly and that the decision would be based on the project's merits. NPP was told the city could expand TIF District 6, which is planned for the east side but does not include the proposed site. Negotiations continue on our final site selection and our members will be first to hear about it when we've settled on a plant site.



Wisconsin's Secretary of Agriculture Rod Nilsestuen (center) took NPP President Mike Robinson's VW bug - running on 100% biodiesel fuel - for a spin July 7, following the signing of Governor Doyle's "Declaration of Energy Independence" in Madison.

Governor Doyle's plan calls for Wisconsin to capture at least 10 percent of the nation's emerging bio-based economy and to have 25 percent of its electricity and transportation fuel to come from renewable sources by 2025. NPP intends to be part of this plan!

The work of the BioIndustry Consortium shows that Wisconsin's tradition of mixing sound environmental stewardship with good business development is alive and well according to Jeff Pieterick, vice president of North Prairie Productions. The NPP board of directors recognizes that Wisconsin has the resources available to establish biodiesel production as a major market contributor, both to this nation's energy independence and to Wisconsin's economy. The Governor's announcement indicates we also have political leadership, to firmly establish Wisconsin's biofuels industry to power the next generation and many more to come.

The NPP pickup truck, running on 100% biodiesel commands attention everywhere it goes. We drew a crowd at Farm Technology Days, the Dane County Fair and tractor pulls in Osseo and Ettrick during July while educating many people about the cleaner burning, renewable fuel that doesn't take any modification to use. The truck's also been pictured on WISC-TV Madison, WBAY-TV Green Bay, as well as the cover of August's *Wisconsin Agriculturist*, *Agri-View*, *Country Today* and *Wisconsin State Farmer*.

Mark your calendar for August 12 when NPP hosts a special biodiesel event at the WTPA tractor pull in Beaver Dam! We're planning a special get together with the pullers and presentation on our project before we all settle in to watch the Super Farm Class compete for our biodiesel purse!

Be sure to check out our updated web site at www.npnrg.com and look for updated company information as it becomes available. Any questions, comments or concerns can be addressed to Jeff Pieterick via E-mail at jpierick@npnrg.com or by phone toll-free at 877-299-2435.

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