



Southern Common Market on Alternative Fuels

Mission

Identifying barriers to the production and distribution of biofuels.

Methodology

- Convened private/public virtual experts.
- Surveys/public comment periods.



Five Actions

- ***Increasing Supply***
- ***Facilitating Distribution***
- ***Increasing Demand***



Increasing Supply

Aim for less than ninety days for plant and pump permitting, as well as other necessary infrastructure (pipelines, rail spurs).

Benefits

- Provide quicker return on investment.
- Allow for better planning for businesses.

Possible Actions

- Governor Executive order, like Georgia.
- States adopt a one-stop permitting structure.
- Plant and pump permitting get priority.



Facilitating Distribution

1) Formalize the waiving of minimum vapor pressure specifications for E85.

Benefits

-Allows the sale of E85 in the states pending ASTM International's resolution of contradictory standards.

-Puts actions onto a sturdier basis since some approvals have been informal and/or verbal.

Possible Actions

Governors directive/state legislature.



Facilitating Distribution

2) Allow certification of alternative fuel pumping equipment and infrastructure through equipment manufacturers.

Benefits

Reduces legal risks of gas dispensers.

Possible Actions

Recommendations to appropriate state agency.



Facilitating Distribution

3) Minimize number of fuels mandated by individual states.

Benefits

- Allows market forces to determine products.
- Lowers costs through economies of scale.

Possible Actions

Pre-emptive: watch out for legislation that mandates individual fuels.



Increasing Demand

Identify and implement uniform alternative fuel signage along the region's interstates and highways.

Benefits

- Provide consumers instant recognition of availability of alternative fuels.
- Brands the South as alternative fuel leader.

Possible Actions

Directive to highway departments to work together.