

Advanced 'drop-in' biofuels



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U.S. Transportation Fuel Needs National Advanced Biofuels Consortium

Diesel - 10.31

Jet Fuel - 4.07

Other Products - 7.01

Gasoline - 18.56

2030

126

71

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Gasoline (cars & trucks) 137 bgy		2008	2
	Motor gasoline	137	
	Diesel	43	
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Diesel (on-road, rail) 43 bgy	Products in a Barrel Other Distillates (heating oil) - 1.38	of Crude (Diesel -	(gal) 10.:
Aviation (jet fuel)	Heavy Fuel Oil (Residual) - 1.68	Jet Fuel	- 4.
23 bgy	Liquefied Petroleum Gases (LPG) - 1.72	ther Produ	ucts
		Gasoline	- 18

Source: Energy Information Agency

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NABC

Refinery Integration



- Three possible insertion points
- Develop new technologies that use today's infrastructure

Converting biomass into infrastructurecompatible materials



Process Strategies Technical

Progress

NABC matrix of technology and strategy teams will ensure development of complete integrated processes.





Virent Technology Overview





Biogasoline Product



Gasoline produced by the Virent Process is a high quality, premium hydrocarbon fuel

NARC: For Open

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State of Technology at Start of NABC Program: Fast Pyrolysis (RTPTM) Pyrolysis Oil



Solid Biomass



Moisture content 4-8% 0.5 mm< Particles < 6 mm

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- 510° C, <2 secs
- Biomass converted to liquid pyrolysis oil
- Fast fluidized bed, sand as heat carrier
- High yields →70 wt% liquid on woody biomass
- Light gas and char byproduct provide heat to dry feed and operate unit



Status

- Future "nth" plant costs competitive with ~\$80 \$120 crude
- Technologies still in r&d stage
 - Process robustness and scale-up
 - Utilization of lignin component
 - Refinery integration
 - Three to five years needed to develop to a pilot ready state
 - Three to five years needed for pilot scale demonstrations
 - Commercial ready end of this decade early 20 decade

