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Wisconsin Biogas Projects Turn Waste into Cash

Successful Waste-to-Energy Initiatives Focus on Food Industry, Wastewater Treatment and Public-Private Partnerships

The Wisconsin Department of Administration announces that a statewide workshop focusing on successful waste-to-energy projects will be held at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton, Wisconsin, on Thursday, September 26, 2013. *Turning Waste to Cash in Wisconsin* will showcase lessons learned and best practices of anaerobic digester projects that economically manage waste. The workshop is free and open to the public and begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 12:15 p.m.

Waste management can be costly when considering transportation and treatment expenses. Utilizing an anaerobic digestion system could help industries and municipalities significantly decrease waste treatment costs while providing them with a cost-effective renewable energy resource.

The Wisconsin State Energy Office is sponsoring the conference. The keynote speaker will be Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Secretary Ben Brancel. The State Energy Office is dedicated to helping Wisconsin businesses and local government implement renewable energy projects, while simultaneously creating jobs and contributing to economic development in Wisconsin.

The workshop will be organized into three sessions:

- First session: focuses on food and beverage industry. It will feature speakers from Bush Beans, JBS Green Bay, and GreenWhey Energy.
- Second session: focuses on wastewater treatment plant projects. It includes speakers from Sheboygan, Madison, and Milwaukee Wastewater Treatment Plants.
- Third panel: highlights public-private partnerships. This session highlights speakers from the Beaver Dam/Kraft Foods project, the Wisconsin Rapids/Ocean Spray project and the Janesville/Seneca Foods project.

You can register for the free conference online at <https://turningwastetocashwi.eventbrite.com>.

For more information about the State Energy Office, visit www.stateenergyoffice.wi.gov.

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Turning Waste to Cash in Wisconsin

8:00 - 8:45 a.m.	Registration, Continental Breakfast
8:45 a.m.	Welcome and Opening Remarks - DATCP Secretary Ben Brancel
9:00-9:45 a.m.	Session 1: Projects at Food/Beverage Industry Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bush Beans - Joe Breid • JBS - Larry Collins • Green Whey - Tom Ludy
9:45 - 10:00 a.m.	Panel 1 - Q&A Session
10:00-10:15 a.m.	Break
10:15-11:00 a.m.	Session 2: Projects at Wastewater Treatment Plants (WWTP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheboygan – Sharon Thieszen • Madison - Michael Mucha • Milwaukee - Peter Topczewski
11:00-11:15 a.m.	Panel 2 - Q&A Session
11:15-11:45 a.m.	Session 3: Public Private Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beaver Dam/Kraft - Don Quarford, Beaver Dam WWTP • Wisconsin Rapids/Cranberry - Jim Neitzel, Wisconsin Rapids WWTP • Janesville/Seneca - Joe Zakovich, Janesville WWTP
12:00-12:15 p.m.	Panel 3 - Q&A Session

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