

Local Events to Celebrate Ethanol's Impact on the Economy and Raise Awareness of the Need to Move up from E10 to E15

Sioux Falls, SD (May 11, 2009) – Local businesses are teaming up in support of ethanol this week, to celebrate ethanol's contribution to the local economy and to raise public awareness for the need to move to E15 as the new base blend of ethanol and gasoline.

"E15 Day" will be hosted at four Aberdeen gas stations on May 13. Between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., customers will receive 25 cents off each gallon of ethanol-blended fuel they purchase.

In addition, a petition can be signed by those in favor of the EPA approving E15 as the new base fuel blend. The online version of the petition, found at www.goe15.com, has gathered more than 4,900 signatures in one month. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is currently considering a waiver to change the 30-year-old regulation limiting the ethanol content per gallon to just 10 percent. Allowing up to 15 percent ethanol per gallon would boost South Dakota's economy by opening up a new market for ethanol produced here and offering motorists more clean, cost-effective fuel.

The four gas stations participating in the promotion are:

CK's East – 1202 8th Avenue NE

CK's North – 711 N. 2nd Street

Gas N Goodies – 1106 S. 5th Street

EZ Stop – 421 S. Roosevelt

Sponsors of the events are Glacial Lakes Energy LLC, Harms Oil, Dacotah Bank, Great Western Bank, Watertown Co-op Elevator, and Plains Commerce Bank. Representatives from Aberdeen's Advanced BioEnergy and from Glacial Lakes Energy will be on hand to answer questions about E15. Jim Seurer CEO and his assistant Marcy Kohl will be on hand for interviews and to answer any questions from the media.

For more information about E15, visit the American Coalition for Ethanol's "E15 Action Center" at www.ethanol.org.