

## **GBEP Task Force Meeting on GHG Methodologies**

Washington D. C., 9/10 October 2007

### **Background and Goals**

At the last GBEP Steering Committee meeting it was decided that GBEP would develop a plan of work addressing methodologies for measuring the greenhouse gas (GHG) impacts of biofuels. The United States drafted a proposal for how this work would be undertaken and many GBEP partners provided their comments. The U.S. paper calls for a program of work which answers the following question:

- What are the harmonization / biofuel GHG methodology work that has been done and is ongoing across various fora?
- What are the key differences in methodologies used for well-to-wheel analysis conducted worldwide?
- Can these methodologies (including definitions) be harmonized and can we identify a template or best practice recommendations for conducting biofuel lifecycle GHG studies?

On October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> the United States will host the first taskforce meeting on harmonizing GHG methodologies for biofuels. It is envisioned that this first meeting will spend a majority of its time addressing these questions. This meeting will also further identify the outputs of this taskforce and develop a timeline and plan for delivering these outputs. A key question will be whether this taskforce meets again in person or whether its work can be accomplished via email, digital video conferences, or phone conferences.

### **AGENDA**

#### **Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**

08:30-09:00 Registration at the State Department. 2201 C Street, NW Washington.

09:00-09:30 Opening/Scope of work and intended use of methodologies

09:30-12:30 Presentations on what countries/organizations are doing on methodologies.  
Objective: Seek common understanding of current work and planned work regarding GHG methodologies in order to determine gaps and differences.

**Bruce Babcock** – Iowa State University -US

**Alex Farrell** – University of California Berkeley

**Horst Fehrenbach** – IFEU On behalf of the Federal Ministry of Environment, -Germany

**Don O'Connor**- ST Squared Consultants –Canada

**Bobbie Lippiatt** - National Institute of Standards and Technology to present BEES-US

**Jeff Skeer**, Department of Energy, APEC –US

**Michael Wang** - Argonne National Laboratory to present GREET-US

12:30-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 Discussion: What is Missing from Current Discussions

Are we missing any major aspects? What else should we be focusing on?

15.30-18.00 Discussion: What is different in the methodologies?

Are these differences of concern? What is the implication of these differences?  
How can we move forward in developing a common methodologies with these differences?

**Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**

09:00-12:00 Discussion: Can we develop a common methodology? If so, what components will be incorporated?

Land-use? Farming methods? Feedstocks? Allocation methods?  
System Boundaries? Type of data (historic vs. future, average vs. marginal)

12:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-16:00 Next Steps

How do we go about developing common methodologies?  
Is there a base methodology that can be adapted ?  
How will methodologies be used?  
How will the work of this group continue?  
Future meetings? Email? DVCs?  
What results do we envision?