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Large companies jump on biogas

BP acquires Clean Energy's RNG business

BP has acquired the upstream portion of renewable natural gas (RNG) producer Clean Energy Fuels Corp.'s business, and signed a long-term supply contract with Clean Energy to support its continuing downstream RNG business. Clean Energy operates 550 CNG and LNG stations throughout the USA. Redeem, the RNG product, is collected from landfills and upgraded to biomethane. [More](#)

Unilever to use biomethane at five of its sites across the UK and Ireland

Unilever UK & Ireland has signed a deal with a renewable energy company GENeco, which means that its and its food and drink factories will use 10,000MWh of biomethane to power the sites' heating. Together with renewable electricity Unilever UK has become carbon neutral at totally five sites.

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Carrefour opens its first biomethane station

Carrefour, a French multinational retailer and one of the largest hypermarket chains in the world has taken a big step in its biomethane initiative, opening its first bioNGV service station. The new facility will play a part in allowing the French multinational retailer to expand its fleet of vehicles running on biomethane. By the end of 2017, Carrefour aims to have nine bioNGV service stations throughout France, enabling 200 lorries to be fueled with biomethane. [More](#)

ENGIE provides bio-LNG to a chemical company

ENGIE provides for the first time to a chemical company bio-LNG coming from a waste water treatment plant in the suburbs of Paris. Since 2014, the chemical company has been using LNG instead of heating oil, reducing its CO₂ emissions by 25%. The use of bio-LNG is another step towards a greater decarbonization of the processes. The method applied is Cryo Pur, a French process.

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Smithfield highlights biogas projects in sustainability report

Smithfield Foods Inc. recently announced the release of its 16th annual sustainability report. Smithfield's environmental program includes the reduction of GHGs by 25% in 2025. It also includes a manure-to-biogas project with the potential to produce about 60m m³ of natural gas, enough to power nearly 53,500 homes for an entire year. [More](#)

Where there's muck, there's brass Two biogas investors feature in the top 100 of the *Sunday Times Rich List 2017*. Steve Lansdown, a former accountant who co-founded Sustainable Technology, is worth around £1.48bn (€1.75bn). The company is shareholder in UK largest AD developer Tamar Energy. Georg and Emily Von Opel also feature on the rich list and are worth £1.416bn. Von Opel is a director of GVO Wind and Hemswell Biogas, a large processor of food waste located in Lincolnshire.

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