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News from USA

California offers funding for dairy digester development program

The California Department of Food and Agriculture is now accepting applications for the Dairy Digester Research and Development Program, authorized by the Budget Act of 2014. CDFA was appropriated monies from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to provide financial assistance for the installation of dairy digesters in California, which will result in reduced greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. An estimated \$11 million in competitive grant funding will be awarded to provide financial assistance for the installation of dairy digesters that result in reduced greenhouse gas emissions and provide other environmental benefits.

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Bloomberg publishes sustainable energy in America factbook

Bloomberg New Energy Finance recently released the 2015 edition of its Sustainable Energy in America Factbook. The report includes information on biomass, biogas, waste-to-energy, and a variety of other renewable energy technologies. According to the report, there was a spike in biomass power installations in 2013, with 521 MW of capacity added. The increase is attributed primarily to policy support measures, specifically the production and investment tax credits. Capacity growth fell to 30 MW last year, with cumulative capacity reaching 8.4 GW by the

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Bioenergy projects to receive CEC funding

The California Energy Commission (CEC) has approved \$21 million in grants for energy innovation and efficiency programmes. Almost 12 of these projects, including one to turn dairy manure into biogas, were funded through four key grant and loan programmes. Under the Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) scheme, three biogas companies will receive financial support. EPIC is a multiyear research investment programme focused on electricity-related innovations and bringing clean energy ideas to the marketplace.

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E3 releases report on decarbonizing pipeline gas in California

A study commissioned by Southern California Gas investigated the potential role of decarbonized pipeline gas and existing gas pipeline infrastructure. The study concludes that a technology pathway for decarbonized gas could feasibly meet the GHG emission reduction goals, and may even be easier to implement in some sectors. Biomass resources have competing uses, including food, fodder and fiber but even with this identified challenge, biogas plays a large role in achieving the GHG emission target

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