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State Awards Biodiesel Grants

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The state has awarded \$350,000 in grants to seven biodiesel distribution facilities around Connecticut, Gov. M. Jodi Rell announced Saturday.

"Support for biodiesel production is not only an economic development issue but also an environmental issue," Rell said in announcing the grants under the Distribution Facilities Grant Program.

"By creating more opportunities for renewable energy sources we can assist individual businesses, reduce energy costs, improve air quality and reduce our dependence on foreign sources of oil."

The recipients of \$50,000 grants are:

- Megellan Terminal Holdings L.P., an independent petroleum storage company that plans to buy and install a blending system and biodiesel storage equipment at its facility in New Haven.
- Bantam Supply Co., a retail distributor of Bioheat fuel, diesel and propane in Bantam. The company plans to upgrade the pump, metering and monitoring system and increase distribution capacity.
- Baribault Oil Co., a wholesale distributor of Bioheat blends, fuel oil and diesel fuel in the Oakville section of Watertown. The company intends to replace existing piping and install a new loading area.
- Total Energy Solutions LLC, the parent company to Sterling Street Terminal in East Hartford. Total Energy, which sells petroleum products in New England, New York and the mid-Atlantic region, plans to modify the storage tank at its East Hartford distribution facility for a blending system and purchase and install a 10,000 gallon biodiesel tank.
- Norbert E. Mitchell Co., a retail petroleum fuel distributor throughout Fairfield, Litchfield, and New Haven counties. It plans to purchase and install a 10,000 gallon biodiesel storage tank and fuel injection system.
- Greenleaf Biofuels LLC, a wholesale and retail distributor of biodiesel and biodiesel blends in Guilford. It plans to purchase a 6,900-gallon biodiesel tank trailer.
- Hale Hill Farm Biofuels, which distributes biodiesel and biodiesel blends from its Portland facility. The company plans to purchase two 1,000-gallon storage tanks with fueling apparatus, a 3,000-gallon delivery truck, three 275-gallon storage tanks with fueling apparatus and a 20-foot-by-20-foot field office for biodiesel sampling and testing.

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