

Subject: Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) Certified Ethanol Pathways Release

Today staff is releasing the first full set of carbon intensity (CI) pathways certified under the readopted LCFS regulation using the CA-GREET 2.0 model. These pathways include both new applications and requests to have “legacy” pathways (adopted under the prior LCFS rule) recertified. All of the CIs released today are for ethanol pathways but similar batches will be released for other fuel types in the future as detailed in earlier workshop presentations.

On April 22, 2016 staff sent each of the ethanol pathways (both recertified and new) for review and acceptance by the individual applicants. Only those pathways accepted by applicants are being certified and released today (May 9, 2016). These certified pathways may be used for credit reporting purposes beginning with reports for the first quarter of 2016.

To enable applicants and regulated parties to access all certified CIs in one centralized location staff is posting a list which includes all CIs certified using CA-GREET 2.0 and all active pathway CIs certified under CA-GREET 1.8b. The list is available at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/fuels/lcfs/fuelpathways/pathwaytable.htm>.

Note that the CA-GREET 1.8b pathways CIs are eligible to earn credits only through December 31, 2016 and will sunset after that date.

Background on the LCFS

The Low Carbon Fuel Standard is a regulation to reduce the carbon intensity of fuels sold in California ten percent by 2020. The LCFS is one of the measures adopted by the California Air Resources Board, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 38500-38599 (AB 32) to reduce greenhouse gases in California. It is designed to help clean the air, protect the environment, and drive the development of clean, low-carbon fuels to improve California's energy security and energy independence.

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