

Press Release

Canadian Biogas Association Calls for Policies to Create Sustainable Biogas and RNG Business Models across Canada

Ottawa, Ontario (August 25, 2017) – As the voice of Canada’s biogas sector, the Canadian Biogas Association (CBA) calls upon the federal and provincial governments to create policies that support the development of biogas and renewable natural gas (RNG) projects across the country.

The Government of Canada is committed to achieving a low-carbon economy and biogas is a proven, 100% renewable technology that can continue to play a role in helping Canada achieve its vision today. Biogas is the only renewable energy technology that captures and destroys methane, a potent short-lived climate pollutant, from organic waste. Methane has a strong climate effect with a global warming potential 86 times greater than carbon dioxide over 20 years. Reducing methane emissions today can make an immediate beneficial impact on climate change.

Canada has the opportunity to be a leader in sustainable practices through the production of biogas. To achieve this, the industry needs predictable market demand and long-term revenue to attract capital investment necessary to develop new biogas projects.

CBA is advocating for policies that mandate a renewable content requirement of 10% RNG by 2030, pricing on average of \$21/GJ for RNG or \$0.18/kWh for renewable electricity to create sustainable biogas business models for facility developers, and funding to support innovation and opportunities to maximize benefits of the proven, low-risk biogas solution.

Jennifer Green, Executive Director of the Canadian Biogas Association notes that “Biogas systems address many of the energy, environmental, and rural economic priorities in our Canadian provinces. Market demand and revenues are essential to spur development and realize these benefits.”

About the Canadian Biogas Association

As the collective voice of Canada’s biogas sector, the Canadian Biogas Association is developing the biogas industry to its fullest potential through capturing and processing organic materials to maximize the utility and value inherent within that material. Our members span the entire value chain of the sector and consist of farmers, municipalities, and private sector owners and operators of biogas systems, technology suppliers and consultants, financial and learning institutions, utilities, and waste industry and organic residuals generators.