



Leading the Way: Sustainable Aviation Fuel in Illinois

Thursday, March 21st Noon – 6:00 PM
Friday, March 22nd 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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Join us for the inaugural Illinois Sustainable Aviation Fuel Conference, organized by key stakeholders in this space, for this discussion on the use of SAF in the U.S. and a chance to learn about unique opportunities this new initiative offers Illinois and the Midwest.

This two day event offers **timely and valuable industry content, panels and keynotes addressing all aspects of SAF**. Participants will network and learn from industry experts, agencies and public officials as we **create a SAF ecosystem together after Illinois passed a first-in-the-nation tax incentive**.

Experts and policy leaders will be highlighting the assets and resources that Illinois brings to SAF:

- Attracting jobs and investment
- SAF Demand & Logistics
- Federal & State Incentives
- SAF Producers
- Carbon Scoring
- Export Opportunities

and more!

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Sessions Include:

Thursday, March 21

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Kickoff Luncheon & Keynotes

Welcoming Comments:

- Illinois Manufacturers' Association, Mark Denzler, President and CEO
- IL Com, Chris Gould, Owner/Operator of Gould Farms, FedEx Express Pilot
- National Corn Growers Association, Krista Swanson, Chief Economist

SAF Producers: Corn, Soy and Renewable Feedstocks to Jet Fuel

Moderator: TBD

Panelists:

- ADM, Colin Graves, Vice-President of Innovation
- Exxon Mobil Corporation
- Honeywell UOP, Hassan Qureshi, Business Development – Renewable Fuels
- LanzaJet, Jimmy Samartzis, CEO
- Constellation Energy (*Invited*)

Research Advancing the Science and Deployment of SAF in Illinois University of Illinois Urbana Champaign

Moderator: University of Illinois, Andrew Leakey, Ph.D., Head Professor Plant Biology

Panelists:

- Integrated Bioprocessing Research Laboratory, Vijay Singh, Ph.D., Director and Founder
- University of Illinois, Tonghun Lee, Ph.D. (*Invited*)
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Jeremy Guest, Ph.D., Director for Research, Institute for Sustainability Energy, and Environment (iSEE)

CORSIA Individual Pathway Sustainability Certification

Moderator: University of Illinois Chicago, Steffen Mueller, Ph.D., Principal Economist

Panelists:

- International Sustainability and Carbon Certification, Norbert Schmitz, Managing Director
- Marquis Energy, Jennifer Aurandt-Pilgrim, Ph.D., Vice-President of Research and Development and Innovation at Marquis
- Clean Fuels Alliance America, Veronica Bradley, Director of Environmental Science
- Gevo, Nancy Young, Carbon Sustainability Officer

Networking Reception

Networking and a chance to meet other professionals, experts in SAF

Friday, March 22

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Keynotes:

- The Honorable JB Pritzker, Governor, State of Illinois (*Invited*)
- The Honorable Tammy Duckworth, U.S. Senator, Illinois
- Department of Energy (*Invited*)
- Exxon Mobil Corporation, Jack P. Williams, Senior Vice President

Demand and Potential Challenges in Sustainable Aviation Fuel

Moderator: Airlines for America, Sean Newsum, Managing Director for Environmental Affairs

Panelists:

- Southwest Airlines, Michael AuBuchon, Managing Director of Fuel Strategy and Management
- United Airlines, Thomas Michels, Director of Government Affairs
- American Airlines, Jill Blickstein, Vice President, Sustainability

Logistics of SAF Transportation, Testing, Storage and Fueling

Moderator: Chicago Department of Aviation, Aaron Frame, Deputy Commissioner

Panelists:

- Falex Corporation, Michael Clifford Croudace, Ph.D., Research Chemist
- Kinder Morgan, Allen Fore, Vice-President Public Affairs
- O'Hare Airport (*Invited*)
- Midway Airport (*Invited*)

Federal and State Incentives

Moderator: TBD

Panelists:

- Department of Treasury (*Invited*)
- Illinois Department of Revenue, David Harris, Director
- Federal Aviation Administration (*Invited*)

Carbon Scoring

Moderator: United States Department of Agriculture, Jeff O'Hara, Deputy Director of the Office of Energy Policy and New Uses

Panelists:

- Purdue University –Farzad Taheripour, Ph.D., Professor
- Argonne National Labs –Michael Wang, Ph.D., Director

International Export Opportunities

Moderator: Illinois Department of Commerce, Office of Trade and Investment, Margo Markopoulos, Director

Panelists:

- RSM US LLP, Mark Ludwig, National Leader for Trade Advisory
- Bloomberg London
- Marquis Energy Global, Dora Branyan, Director, Sustainability and External Relations, Singapore or Johan Ullman, Managing Director, Singapore

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