



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. In addition to great panels, we have two fantastic keynotes from leading Illinois officials.

Breaking News: Governor JB Pritzker is confirmed and will keynote an address on Friday morning of the conference.

United States Senator Tammy Duckworth, a leading proponent of Sustainable Aviation Fuel, will join in a fireside chat led by John Atkinson, chair of Intersect Illinois, to discuss Illinois' bright future in the industry.

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
Noon - 7:30 PM

Kickoff Luncheon & Keynotes

Welcoming Comments:

- Illinois Manufacturers' Association, Mark Denzler, President and CEO
- Intersect Illinois, Dan Seals, CEO
- IL Corn, Chris Gould, Owner/Operator of Gould Farms, FedEx Express Pilot

Economic Update

- 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, Carolyn Ryczek, Americas LEF Business Development Manager
- Honeywell UOP, Hassan Qureshi, Business Development – Renewable Fuels
- LanzaJet, Alex Monetti, VP of Government, Regulatory & Sustainability
- Phillips 66 Company, David Stallwitz, Managing Director of Business Development

View from the U.S. Department of Energy

- U.S. Department of Energy (*Invited*)

Research to Advance the Science and Deployment of SAF in Illinois University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)

Moderator: UIUC, Andrew Leakey, Ph.D., Head and Professor of Plant Biology

Panelists:

- UIUC, Vijay Singh, Ph.D., Director and Founder of the Integrated Bioprocessing Research Laboratory (IBRL)
- UIUC, Tonghun Lee, Ph.D.
- UIUC, Jeremy Guest, Ph.D., Associate Director for Research for the 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 Management, Inc, Jennifer Aurandt-Pilgrim, Ph.D., Vice-President of Research and Development and Innovation
- 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 – 4:30 PM

Fireside Chat with ExxonMobil

Moderator: Illinois Petroleum Council, James Watson, Executive Director

- ExxonMobil Corporation, Jack Williams, Senior Vice President ExxonMobil

Keynote Address Governor JB Pritzker

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
- The Boeing Company, Joel Hood, Americas Sustainability Leader

Logistics of SAF Transportation, Testing, Storage and Fueling

Moderator: TBD

Panelists:

- Falex Corporation, Michael Clifford Croudace, Ph.D., Research Chemist

- Kinder Morgan, Allen Fore, Vice-President Public Affairs

Federal and State Incentives

Moderator: U.S. Department of Transportation, Annie Petsonk, Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs

Panelists:

- Illinois Department of Revenue, David Harris, Director
- Federal Aviation Administration, Prem Lobo, Energy Division Manager (Invited)
- Illinois Department of Commerce, Cas Peters, Chief of Business Attraction and Development

Fireside Chat with U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth

Moderator: John Atkinson, Chair of Intersect Illinois

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, David Doherty, Head of Oil and Renewable Fuels Research
- Marquis Global, Inc, Dora Branyan, Director, Sustainability and External Relations, Singapore

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