## Court Renounces Renewable Oxygenate Rule

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — The National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) voiced its disappointment after learning that the Renewable Oxygenate Requirement (ROR) has been struck down by the United States Court of Appeals.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) promulgated the ROR as a means to help ensure a role for cleaner burning renewable fuels in the Reformulated Gasoline (RFG) program which began on January 1, 1995. Shortly after the ROR was finalized by the EPA, the American Petroleum Institute, National Petroleum Refiners Association, and the American Methanol Institute filed suit to obtain a stay, which would prevent the implementation of the ROR along with the RFG program. The suit further requested that the court rule on the statutory authority of the EPA to draft such a regulation.

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very disappointing, it has already begun to galvanize corn growers nationwide. This announcement will sharpen our focus and force us to redouble our efforts to provide a meaningful role for renewable fuels, like ethanol in reformulated gasoline," said Rod Gangwish, president of NCGA and a farmer from Shelton, Neb. "We took President Clinton at his word that renewable energy fuels were important to America's energy and economic future and that his administration would ensure a role for them. This announcement by the Court of Appeals sends just the opposite signal. We call on the President to urgently address this matter.

"The NCGA believes that with oil imports now exceeding 50 percent of our nation's energy requirements, there is no better time to begin the process of gradually replacing fossil fuels. The NCGA will not back away from this issue. Imported fossil fuels are a prehis- pete with other oxygenates like

toric approach to our energy needs, and renewable fuels, life ethanol, are the wave of the future," said Gangwish.

A study just released by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) shows that ethanol production from corn has a conservative net energy gain of 24 percent. This compared to gasoline at a 25 percent net energy loss and Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE) at nearly a 40 percent net energy loss. Mike Bryan, NCGA ethanol manager said, "The issue of net energy savings of ethanol from the field to the finished gallon can no longer be disputed. The evidence continues to mount, showing that for every gallon of ethanol produced, we lessen our dependence on foreign oil and reduce our trade deficit. In addition, we create new domestic jobs and stimulate economic growth."

Bryan said, "If ethanol blends would have been allowed to comMTBE, for ozone reduction, as they should have been, there would be no need for the ROR in the first place. Unfortunately, ethanol's exclusion from the RFG market was based on restrictive mass emission science.

"There are several absolutes regarding ethanol. First, ethanol is renewable. Second, ethanol is environmentally beneficial. And third, ethanol is consumer friendly. In fact, when gasoline pumps are labeled with the oxygenate contained in the fuel, thereby pro-

WEST CHESTER (Chester Co.) — Dan Greig, manager of the Chester County Conservation District, announced the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, (PACD) Auxiliary has organized a Scholarship Program for the support of agricultural and environmental education.

The scholarship is for \$200 and will be paid to the recipient at the annual PACD meeting in October of each year.

To be eligible, a student must be a resident, attending a Pennsyl-

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viding consumers the opportunity to make an informed choice. ethanol blends are the hands-down winner," Gangwish said.

Waiting for the courts decision apparently has not had a negative impact on new ethanol plant development. There are now 43 ethanol plants, up from 38 just 2 years ago, producing over 1.4 billion gallons annually using about 560 million bushels of corn. There are six new plants under construction with a total capacity of 185 million gallons per year.

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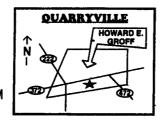
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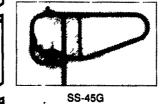


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