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### **EPA Regional Administrator Tours Seattle Biodiesel Facility, Presents Awards**

Seattle Biodiesel's south Seattle production facility was visited today by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's regional administrator, Michael Bogert, for a tour, a biofuel discussion and an award ceremony. The discussion with company executives focused on the challenges and opportunities entrepreneurs face in developing innovative energy technologies and markets. Following the discussion, Mr. Bogert presented special recognition awards to both Seattle Biodiesel and the non-profit Harvesting Clean Energy Program.

According to EPA's Bogert, while the tour of the facility was comprehensive and informative, the most valuable part of the day was spent in discussions with Martin Tobias (CEO and Chairman Seattle Biodiesel), KC Golden (Policy Director, Climate Solutions) and Peter Moulton (Director, Harvesting Clean Energy Program) on the status of bioenergy in the Pacific Northwest, opportunities and challenges in expanding biofuel production and use in Washington, Oregon and Idaho and how the EPA and other government organizations can support the growth of bioenergy.

"This was a great opportunity for me to learn from biofuels experts," said Bogert. "I firmly believe the federal government can and will play a key role in the establishing biofuel technologies and markets that enhance human health while supporting thriving, 'homegrown' energy sources. By working both ends of the equation - promoting fuel stocks and reducing diesel emissions through supporting more efficient, cleaner burning technologies - EPA can help lead the way to a healthier environment and brighter energy future."

Following the tour and discussions, Bogert also presented plaques to both Seattle Biodiesel and the Harvesting Clean Energy Program, (an initiative of the Olympia-based Climate Solutions) for "enhancing awareness in rural communities of renewable, environmentally-friendly bioenergy."

For specific information about EPA's northwest diesel emissions reduction initiative and the West Coast Collaborative, please visit:

<http://www.westcoastcollaborative.org>

For more information about Seattle Biodiesel:

<http://www.seattlebiodiesel.com/>

For more information about the Harvesting Clean Energy Program:

<http://www.harvestcleanenergy.org/aboutus.html>