

THE POWER OF ORGANIC WASTE: OPPORTUNITIES FOR RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS (RNG) IN MINNESOTA



A Workshop by Energy Vision, CenterPoint Energy and Government, Industry, Academic & NGO Partners

SEPT 26, 2019
8:30 am to 3:00 pm

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Minneapolis, MN 55403

AGENDA

- 8:40-8:45 **Workshop Introduction: Moving Toward a Sustainable Future in Minnesota**
Joanna D. Underwood, Founder, Energy Vision
- 8:45-9:00 **Welcome Address**
Steve Kelley, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Commerce
- 9:00-10:30 **Panel 1 – From Organic “Waste” to Biogas: Benefits & Case Studies**
Audrey Partridge, Regulatory Policy Manager, Center for Energy and Environment
Aditya Ranade, P.hD., Director of Business Development & Partnerships, Aerio Technologies
John Jaimez, Organics & Recycling Specialist, Hennepin County
Brandon Butler, Director of Communications, Roeslein Alternative Energy
- Moderator: *Patrick Serfass, Executive Director, American Biogas Council*
- 10:30-11:00 **Coffee and Networking**
- 11:00-12:30 **Panel 2 – Ultra-Low-Carbon Renewable Natural Gas & Its Various End-Use Applications**
Mike Mitariten, Director, Air Liquide – Refining Biogas to Meet Pipeline & Vehicle Specifications
John Heer, Director, CenterPoint Energy – Utilizing Existing LDC Infrastructure to Advance RNG
Sahar Kamali, Director, Clean Energy Fuels – Delivering RNG to the Transportation Market
Bill Boyce, Manager, Cummins Westport – Maximizing Climate & Clean Air Benefits of RNG
Stephanie Meyn, Climate Program Manager, Port of Seattle – Getting to “Net-Zero” Carbon with RNG
- Moderator: *Nancy Lange, Former Chair, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission*
- 12:30-1:30 **Lunch + Networking**

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1:30-2:45 Panel 3 – Developing Renewable Natural Gas Projects for Economic Success

Margaret Cherne-Hendrick, Director - Beneficial Electrification, Fresh Energy

Brad Pleima, P.E., Senior Engineer, EcoEngineers

Benjamin L. Gerber, Executive Director, Midwest Renewable Energy Tracking System (M-RETS)

Bill Edmonds, Director - Environmental Management & Sustainability, NW Natural

Nick Martin, Manager of Environmental Policy, Xcel Energy

Moderator: Matt Tomich, President, Energy Vision

2:45-3:00 Final Questions and Closing Remarks

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