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MGA Releases Fact Sheet Addressing Ethanol Myths

Washington, D.C. – The Midwestern Governors Association (MGA) released today a fact sheet addressing many inaccuracies that have traditionally been perceived as truths about ethanol and biofuels. This “mythbusters” fact sheet, *Setting the Ethanol Record Straight*, comes at a time of volatile energy prices and helps to provide up-to-date information about the biofuels industry and the benefits this industry provides for the United States.

MGA Chair
Pat Quinn
Illinois

Vice Chair
Terry Branstad
Iowa

The Midwest has long been the leader in the development of ethanol and biofuels. The region is home to the top 12-ethanol producing states¹. While the biofuels industry is a big part of the Midwestern economy, the entire country has benefited from its production with lower gas prices, increased exports, cleaner burning fuels and a decreased reliance on overseas oil.

Second Vice Chair
Mark Dayton
Minnesota

“The biofuels industry, particularly ethanol in the Midwest, creates jobs, generates revenue for states and lowers the price everyone pays at the pump,” said Illinois Governor Pat Quinn, current Chair of the MGA. “Biofuels are helping our country become more energy independent and use cleaner, more efficient transportation fuels, and it is crucial that we support those efforts.”

Mitch Daniels
Indiana

Sam Brownback
Kansas

Iowa Governor Terry Branstad, Vice Chair of the MGA, said, “The biofuels industry, including ethanol, plays an important role in our thriving agricultural economy, and it also offers a way to help provide good-paying jobs across the Midwest, adds value to what we produce and reduces our dependence on overseas oil.”

Rick Snyder
Michigan

The myths addressed involve issues such as food prices, taxpayer costs, burning food, energy balance, engine performance, cellulosic ethanol and effects on the environment. Ethanol production also results in byproducts, such as distillers grains, which serve as feed for livestock and an increasingly important agricultural export product.

Jay Nixon
Missouri

John Kasich
Ohio

Setting the Ethanol Record Straight can be found at
www.midwesterngovernors.org/publications/ethanolmyths.pdf.

Dennis Daugaard
South Dakota

The Midwestern Governors Association is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that brings together the governors of the region to work cooperatively on agriculture, economic development and energy issues of importance to the Midwest.

Scott Walker
Wisconsin

¹ Source: Renewable Fuels Association’s 2011 Ethanol Industry Outlook