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“Bio-Energizing the Future”

The Largest Bioenergy Day Event in the Country Held Today at Independence High School

BAKERSFIELD, Calif.—Mt. Poso Cogeneration Company, Macpherson Energy Corporation, DTE Biomass, and Independence High School’s Energy and Utility Career Academy hosted a ceremony and presentation recognizing October 23rd, 2019 as National Bioenergy Day in Kern County. Students and community leaders were in attendance to learn about the renewable energy source biomass and the benefits it provides to all of us.

The event was in recognition of the seventh annual National Bioenergy Day, an effort by renewable energy producers across the nation to educate the public about the environmental, economic and community benefits that biomass provides as an energy source. In honor of the event, the County of Kern and the City of Bakersfield both issued recognitions declaring October 23rd, 2019 as Bioenergy Day in their respective jurisdictions.

“Biomass is the energy that powers our future,” said Terry Brittingham Assistant Plant Manager with Mt. Poso Cogeneration. “By utilizing woody biomass as a fuel source, it keeps wood waste out of landfills and has created new markets for local agricultural wood waste.”

The Mt. Poso plant was completely converted to run 100 percent locally sourced woody biomass fuel, instead of coal, and is delivering 44 megawatts of clean, renewable energy to the California grid. It produces clean, low-emissions power exclusively from woody biomass fuel. The wood used to fuel the power plant comes from landfill diversion construction waste and agricultural sources.

“What an excellent experience for the students to learn about the benefits of bioenergy,” commented Dean Juola, Principal of Independence High School. “Biomass is a valuable renewable option. Biomass is considered a renewable energy source because its inherent energy comes from the sun and because it can regrow in a relatively short time. Since California’s objective is to be 100 percent renewable energy by 2045, plants like Mt. Poso provide a huge benefit.

“Mt. Poso is a great example of a renewable energy option that helps to meet California’s energy needs,” said Tim Lovley, Director of HSE, Regulatory, and Compliance at Macpherson Energy Corporation. “Biomass as an energy source is far cleaner than the open burning of wood waste and provides major benefits to our air basin.”

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