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Oregon's B5 mandate triggered

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The Oregon agriculture department's measurement standards division issued notice yesterday that its in-state biodiesel production threshold of 15 MMgy was recently met, triggering Oregon's B5 mandate. Come April 1, all diesel fuel sold in the state must contain a minimum of 5 percent biodiesel. Diesel fuels used in locomotives, marine engines and home heating applications are exempt from the mandate.

The notice mentioned that delivery documentation must identify the specific biodiesel blend in the fuel. No new labeling at the pumps is required with a B5 blend, since the diesel fuel spec, ASTM D975, allows up to 5 percent biodiesel without notice.

Daniel Shafer, principal manager of Beaver Biodiesel LLC, a small-scale biodiesel plant in Albany, Ore., tells me he thinks the mandate is a statement about Oregon's commitment to renewable energy, adding, "Beaver Biodiesel is glad to be part of Oregon's competitive advantage in developing a renewable energy economy."

Beaver Biodiesel can produce nearly 1 MMgy of biodiesel a year using waste vegetable oil as its primary feedstock.

