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Ethanol Overview

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What is ethanol?

Ethanol

Not quite like "Everclear", but neat (anhydrous) with a denaturant. Denaturant (2-4%) makes it undrinkable.



Why the demand?

- MTBE Banned in 2006
- States mandating 10% ethanol gasoline
- Midwest states currently selling 85/15 gasoline
- Federal push for "clean" fuels
- Ford, GM, and Chrysler currently sell "flexfuel" vehicles

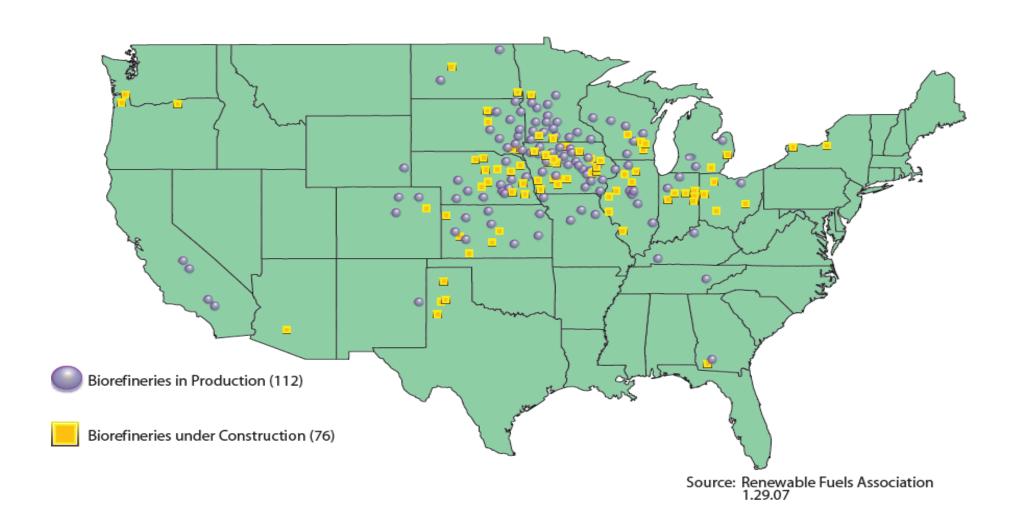


How much is produced?

- DOE Reports (November 2006)
 - 115 plants, 365,000 bbl/day capacity
 - 343,000 bbl/day production
 - Production is "tight" due to demand.

Where is it produced?

U.S. Ethanol Biorefinery Locations





Pipeline transportation issues?

- Ethanol has a high affinity for water.
 - Once contaminated, can't be separated without distillation
- Ethanol is a good solvent
- Ethanol may cause internal SCC

Future?

- PRCI Projects Underway
 - SCC-4-3 Identify Environmental Factors that Produce SCC in Ethanol Pipelines and Terminals
 - SCC-4-4 Determine Stressing Conditions that Promote SCC in Ethanol Pipelines and Terminals