The National Bioproducts Program

PROJECT #4

Establishing a Canadian capacity to produce biofuels from marine algae

Project Objective

To aid in the development of a Canadian capacity to produce biofuel from algae on an industrial scale.

Driving Forces

- Opportunity for Canadian biofuels market to be a leading source of knowledge and technology in algal biofuel systems on a global scale.
- The use of microalgae as an alternative feedstock for the production of biofuels.
- Easily deployable photobioreactors conceived, designed and constructed in Canada for biodiesel production could be marketed to Canadian and international industries to mitigate CO_2 emissions from factories, refineries, and other point source emitters.
- Opportunities to train highly qualified personnel in algal biology and the production of biofuels.
- Competitive advantage for the Canadian biofuels market by implementing a process that is suitable for the Canadian climate, cost-effective and environmentally friendly.

Real Results for Canada!

- New renewable fuel feedstocks not linked to food production
- Competitive advantage for the Canadian biofuels industry
- Increased Canadian expertise in algal biology and biofuels

Did you know?

A photobioreactor is a device that houses and cultivates algae. It provides an optimal environment for algae growth, supplying light, nutrients, CO_2 and a regulated temperature for the culture.

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