

Are you interested in renewable energy? Do you wonder about the Implications?

Bioenergy and Family Forest Sustainability



Virginia Tech's Department of Forestry and National Capitol Region Program are offering a Graduate Seminar on Forest-based Renewable Energy and Sustainability of US Family Forests

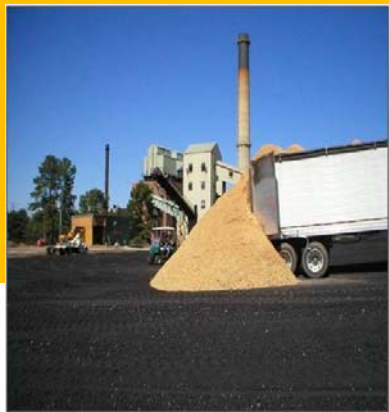
The seminar is scheduled for Fall 2009, offers a unique opportunity to hear from experts from across the country, and includes trips to special seminars at the Capitol Building in Washington D.C. and Virginia's Department of Forestry Headquarters in Charlottesville.

Seminar facilitators:

Dr. Janaki Alavalapati – Head of the Department of Forestry

Dr. Michael Mortimer – Director of the National Capitol Region's Natural Resources Program

Dr. John Munsell – Forest Management Extension Specialist



Seminar speakers will address issues ranging from conversion technologies to landowner perspectives.

Students from Blacksburg and the National Capitol Region Campus will participate simultaneously via smart classroom technology.

Special seminars will be held in Charlottesville and Washington D.C.

The purpose of the proposed seminar course is to explore the current and projected impacts of bio-energy markets on the sustainability of family forests.

The seminar topics and speakers are chosen in a synergetic manner to bring together the best expertise regarding the linkage between bio-energy markets and family forest sustainability.

Key issues:

- Availability and supply of wood biomass for bioenergy
- Existing and new conversion technologies
- Forest regimes to maximize wood biomass production
- Effects of subsidies and incentives on markets and owners
- Implications of mandates for renewable energy
- Complimentary and conflicting policies and programs
- Economic, ecological, and social sustainability

FOR 5984

2 credit hours

Thursday 7-8 pm

Classroom Locations TBD

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