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POLL SHOWS OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FOR RENEWABLE FUEL OPTIONS

Nearly Nine in 10 Agree U.S. Should Pursue Renewable Energy Sources

95 Percent Blame Increasing Oil Prices for Rising Cost of Food

WASHINGTON – A new poll conducted by Harris Interactive® shows overwhelming American support for expanding renewable fuel options with nine in 10 U.S. adults (88 percent) agreeing the U.S. should pursue renewable energy sources.

The poll, commissioned by the Clean Fuels Development Coalition, concludes that 72 percent of adults believe that higher oil prices have had a substantial impact on the rising cost of food in recent months, compared to only 35 percent who believe ethanol production has had a significant impact on rising food prices.

The poll, conducted online between Sept. 21 and Sept. 25, 2007, asked 2,199 U.S. adults about their attitudes regarding ethanol. Other results indicate that nearly eight in 10 adults (78 percent) believe usage of ethanol would lessen the country's dependence on foreign oil.

Energy policy is at the forefront of national debate with pending energy legislation expected to hit congressional calendars this fall. The Senate-approved version of the energy bill contains a provision mandating the use of 36 billion gallons of ethanol by 2022.

"This poll suggests that American consumers are aware of our severe dependence on foreign oil," said Doug Durante, executive director of the Clean Fuels Development Coalition. "We have reached a crossroads in the energy market, and consumers plainly want an alternative to imported oil. Homegrown, renewable fuels are clearly a viable answer."

Durante and other members of Clean Fuels Development Coalition are co-sponsoring and participating in Infocast's Cellulosic Ethanol Summit in Washington, D.C. that begins today. The three-day summit is focused on the future of ethanol, featuring leaders in the renewable energy sector as well as federal government officials and representatives of the automotive, agricultural and financial industries. More information is available at www.infocastinc.com/cell07.html.

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The Clean Fuels Development Coalition (CFDC) is a not-for-profit organization that actively supports the development of new technologies and the increased production of fuels that can reduce air pollution, stimulate the economy, and lessen our dangerous dependence on imported oil. Our goal is to drive the demand for clean low-carbon fuels, like ethanol, through a combination of efforts that include collaborating with industry, educating and communicating with the media and other strategic influencers, and supporting legislative initiatives that will help us achieve our mission. More information is available at www.cleanfuelsdc.org.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
Americans' Attitudes Towards Ethanol¹

Conducted by Harris Interactive® on behalf of the Clean Fuels Development Coalition

With energy security becoming an important focus of the national policy agenda, a new poll gauging American perceptions of the need for domestically produced renewable energy sources is vital to understanding attitudes toward an ever-changing energy market.

This poll, conducted by Harris Interactive on behalf of the Clean Fuels Development Coalition, revealed U.S. adults are both willing and interested in exploring renewable fuel options. Many believe the federal government should spur expansion efforts. Nearly nine in 10 (88 percent) of the 2,199 adults polled agree the U.S. should pursue the development of renewable energy sources such as ethanol, while more than half of adults (54 percent) strongly support such development of domestic alternative energy sources.

Beyond support for renewable energy sources, the poll also focused on the American consumer's perception of ethanol as an alternative to foreign oil and its impact on food prices. Nearly three in four adults (72 percent) believe that increased oil prices have had a substantial impact on the rising cost of food in recent months while only about one in three (35 percent) believe that ethanol has had a significant impact on food prices. Also, nearly four in five adults (78 percent) think the use of ethanol would lessen the U.S.'s dependence on foreign oil.

The poll is the latest measuring tool to gauge American perceptions of renewable fuels like ethanol. Furthermore, it shows that less than one in five adults (18 percent) believe the negatives of ethanol outweigh the positives, debunking the myth and negative media reporting suggesting ethanol is a short-lived and minimally effective pursuit. The poll suggests that the American energy arena is prepared to reduce its dependence on foreign oil and begin moving toward a self-sustainable market focused on renewable and homegrown fuels that stimulate economic growth, benefit the environment and reduce our dependence on foreign oil imports.

About Clean Fuels Development Coalition:

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FACT SHEET

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American Support for Ethanol

- Nearly nine in ten U.S. adults (88%) agree the U.S. should pursue the development of homegrown, renewable energy sources such as ethanol. More than half of adults (54%) *strongly* support such development of domestic alternative energy sources.
- Based on what they know or have heard about ethanol, more than two in five U.S. adults (43%) believe the positive benefits outweigh the negatives. Less than one in five adults (18%) believes the negatives outweigh the positives.
- A majority of adults (62%) believe the government would favor the development of ethanol in the U.S., and nearly two in five (38%) feel the federal government should be primarily responsible for these efforts.
- Three in four adults (75%) believe that oil companies would oppose the growth of ethanol in the U.S.

National Security

- Nearly four in five adults (78%) think the use of ethanol would lessen the United States' dependence on foreign oil.

Food v. Fuel

- Nearly three in four adults (72%) think that increased oil prices have had a substantial impact on the rising cost of food in recent months.
- Most U.S. adults also believe that the increased production of ethanol has impacted the rising cost of food in recent months (79%), however, only about one in three (35%) believe ethanol's impact has been significant.

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