On Thursday, January 15, 2009, The University of Minnesota Morris and the West Central Research and Outreach Center will host an Advanced Biomass Workshop, at the University of Minnesota Morris campus. The conference is geared towards participants interested in current and near-term biomass use in energy production. The speakers and panelists will provide practical information for farmers, business/home owners, public officials, students, and citizens interested in their role in biomass energy. The program will start at 8 a.m. (registration begins at 7:15). The cost of the conference is $20 per person (Free to students with ID) and includes lunch.

Pre-registration is requested by January 13. Online registration and information is available at http://renewables.morris.umn.edu.

For more information or to register by phone, please call Jean or Joel at 320-589-1711.

Highlights
- Presentations on regional biomass-to-energy facilities
- Discussions on the current science, policy, and economics of biomass use
- Tour of the University of Minnesota, Morris gasification system.

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8 a.m. Opening: Michael Reese, WCROC
8:10 Welcome: Chancellor Jacquie Johnson
8:30 Keynote: Michael Nobel, Fresh Energy
9:10 Facilities and Technologies
   Daniel Stanghelle, Norwegian University of Science & Technology
   Kerry Nixon, Central Minnesota Ethanol Cooperative
10:10 Break
10:40 Facilities and Technologies
   Greg Langmo, Fibrominn
   Paul Kramer, Rahr Malting Company
11:40 Catered lunch provided on-site.
1 p.m. Breakout Sessions
   Room 1: Sustainable Feedstock Supplies
      Joel Tallaksen  University of Minnesota, WCROC
      Mark Lindquist  Minnesota DNR
      Don Reicosky  U.S. Department of Agriculture-ARS
   Room 2: Regulation and Policy
      James Barbour  University of Minnesota, Morris
      TBA  State of Minnesota
2:30 Break
2:50 Breakout Sessions
   Room 1: Feedstock collection and processing
      Stuart Birrell  Iowa State University
      Gene Fynboh  Chippewa Valley Ethanol Cooperative
      Vance Morey  University of Minnesota
      Keith Poier  Minnesota Valley Alfalfa Producers
   Room 2: Economics
      Dave Archer  USDA-ARS
      Doug Tiffany  University of Minnesota
      Bill Lazarus  University of Minnesota
      Arne Kildegaard  University of Minnesota, Morris
4:20 Future Directions
   Lowell Rasmussen, University of Minnesota, Morris
5 p.m. Gasification Facility Tours
   *The agenda is subject to change based on weather and other factors.*