# Biofuels and Transportation Decarbonization Under the CLCPA

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## The CLCPA and transportation

- The Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) requires NYS to achieve the deep decarbonization of its economy by 2050
  - 100% decarbonization of power sector by 2040 on an absolute basis
  - 85% decarbonization by economy on an absolute basis
  - 15% decarbonization by economy via offsets (optional)
- Unlike past state policies, the CLCPA requires the deep decarbonization of the NYS transportation sector on an absolute basis

## **CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions by Sector**

NYS Energy-Related CO2 Emissions by Sector

A sizeable fraction of building emissions are also from a refined fuel, distillate heating oil (which is very similar to ULSD)



Almost half the CO2 emissions come from the Transportation sector



## The limitations of vehicle electrification





- 2020s vehicle technologies will largely limit electrification to gasoline vehicles
  - Only 43% of every barrel of petroleum produces gasoline
  - Only 67% of NYS's transportation sector GHG emissions come from gasoline vehicles
  - Diesel fuel, residual fuel, and jet fuel are unlikely to be replaced by electricity before the 2040s (if not later)
- The CLCPA's targets will only be met if the transportation sector is decarbonized via other means

https://www.energy.gov/articles/hows-and-whys-replacing-whole-barrel

## Low Carbon Fuel Standards

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### Mitigation Strategy – Clean Fuel Standard Overview

**Description:** 

Implement a Clean Fuel Standard to support electrification of transportation, achieve near-term emission reductions while the transition to electrification is underway and provide cleaner fuels for hard-to-electrify subsectors such as aviation; freight and passenger rail; and long-haul trucking. A clean fuel standard generally considers total fuel cycle emissions.

-12	amended and recommitted to said committee
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	fuel standard is intended to reduce carbon intensity from the on-road
	transportation sector by twenty percent by two thousand thirty, with

## Decarbonizing California's transportation sector



Source: CARB (2020)

### How California's low-carbon fuels contribute

#### Average carbon footprint of select low carbon fuels used in California



Source: CARB (2020)

### California's driver – carbon credit prices



### California's driver – biofuel subsidy values

Average LCFS credit value



Source: CARB (2020)

## The effect

### EXXONMO Demonstrating Autotherm

- Energy G Clariant to Biofuel Re
- Partnership to research into c
- Clariant's sunlig compatible cell
- Objective is to integrated bioc

- lowa project (Redfield, IA)
  - Privately financed by Stine Seed Fa
  - Engineering, Procurement and Construction provided by Frontline Bioenergy
  - Conversion of corn stover into suga phenolic oil and biochar

California project (El Dorado Hills, CA)

- Funded by CA Energy Commission
- Partnership with Lawrence Livermo National Laboratory and Frontline Bioenergy
- Feasibility of converting wood waste drop-in biofuels

# Commercial time: Aemetis embarks on \$158 million cellulosic ethanol project in California

March 8, 2018 | Jim Lane

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The 60 million gallon Aemetis ethanol plant in Keyes, California

### Conclusions

- The CLCPA requires the rapid and thorough decarbonization of NYS's transportation sector
  - NYS is currently far behind other states on transportation decarbonization progress
- Much of this decarbonization will require the use of biomass to mitigate emissions from "hard-to-electrify" sources such as diesel fuel and jet fuel
- California's LCFS has driven commercialization of 2<sup>nd</sup>-generation low carbon technologies, including biofuels from forest biomass
- Forest biomass will need to play an important role if NYS is to achieve the CLCPA's decarbonization targets



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