

April 2011

Hi UP IMA Chapter Member!

Our next tour of the year will be of RenewaFUEL, LLC! Located in Gwinn, MI, the tour is on Friday, April 22, 2011 at 2 p.m. This is an exciting new business for Marquette County (1 hour of CPE)! They produce biomass cubes that can be used in place of coal in power generation. See inside this newsletter for more tour details.

Also listed in this newsletter is our NEW Board of Directors! (I know, it looks a lot like last year's board.) If anyone else would like to serve, you are more than welcome!

By the way, most of you are receiving this newsletter via e-mail as National IMA has discontinued supplying address labels to local chapters. If you would prefer to receive the newsletter via U. S. mail, let me know and I will try to accommodate you.

If you have an idea for a meeting or a tour, please send your ideas to me via e-mail at jothomps@nmu.edu or give me a call (227-1803 or 228-8052).

YOUR President,

Joel Thompson

Tour of RenewaFUEL, LLC

When: April 22, 2011, at 2 PM

Where: 513 4th Street, Gwinn, MI (near Sawyer International Airport).

Directions:

Traveling south from Marquette on State Highway M-553, turn left at the blinking yellow light onto Kelly Johnson Memorial Drive and head towards Sawyer International Airport. Follow Kelly Johnson Memorial Drive past the Sawyer International Airport. Kelly Johnson Memorial Drive turns into Avenue B which then turns in to Avenue C after the four-way stop. Proceed traveling south. Turn right on to 4th Street which is directly off of the nose of the stationary B52 Bomber. 4th Street will dead end at the RenewaFUEL plant.

Parking is available in the lot catty-corner to the plant near Frontier Medical. All guests should use the farthest left hand side main door within Building 6 (the first of the two buildings) and wait to meet a renewaFUEL staff person to obtain required personal protective equipment before proceeding into the production area of the plant.

RenewaFUEL, LLC: According to a recent article in *The Mining Journal*, this business, a subsidiary of Cliffs Natural Resources, produces biofuel cubes made from wood and other plant material (RenewaFUEL is expected to be in production by the time of the tour). The cubes are used in the place of coal to produce power. This environmentally sustainable product results in fewer pollutants. In addition to Cliffs Michigan Operations, other customers include the Marquette Board of Light and Power.

Randal Walden, Plant Manager, will guide the tour.

If interested in tour: Please contact Mary Beth Reed at 906-227-2960 or mreed@nmu.edu by 2 pm on Wednesday, April 20, 2011.

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