

COMMUNITY UPDATE: November 20, 2009

In the early hours of October 31st, Amaizeingly Green Products, L.P. (AGP) suffered wind damage to its steephouse, the area of the facility where corn is re-hydrated prior to separation. A section of metal siding on the east wall of the steephouse was torn off in the high winds, creating a large opening into the building. In addition, there were three separate power failures which caused several aspects of our process to shut down.

After reviewing the engineering work associated with our odour abatement plan, we believe that the increased airflow into the plant (from the wind damage) may have decreased our scrubber efficiency, which, combined with the power outages, may have resulted in increased odour emissions. A number of residents filed complaints about odours following the incident and the company sincerely regrets any inconvenience caused by this unforeseen event.

We completed repairs to the steephouse walls as quickly as possible after the damage was assessed.

In other news:

- AGP has recently submitted additional odour and noise testing data to the Ontario Ministry of Environment. While we are encouraged by the results, they have yet to be vetted by the MOE. We are continuing to focus on solutions that will further decrease the impact of our emissions on the local community.
- AGP recently added a new plant engineer to our team. Sathees Thurailingam brings a great deal of experience in process engineering to AGP and we are very happy to have him on board.
- Local corn producers have experienced a very abnormal growing season for the crop that is now coming off the fields. With high rainfall and lower than normal temperatures this summer, the 2009 crop is lighter in starch and lower in corn oil than usual, reducing its market value and increasing costs for both the buyers and the sellers to dry the corn. While this presents challenges for AGP, we are pleased that our wet milling process (unique among Canadian ethanol plants) allows for this wet corn to be received directly from the growers for processing. Not only does this reduce energy consumption and eliminate double handling, it improves the cash flow for the growers, giving them a more immediate return on their crop. We are very proud of the mutually beneficial relationship AGP has established with the corn growers in the area.



- AGP is in the process of finalizing a new product from our facility, ecologically-friendly cat litter. Conventional commercial cat litter contains clumping agents that are primarily inorganic and do not easily break down in landfills.. Our cat litter will substitute these clumping agents with our corn milling by-products, which are readily biodegradable and environmentally sustainable.

Community Liaison Committee - Call for Public Representation

AGP has established a community liaison committee (CLC) to facilitate communication with respect to the environment. Initial committee members have met to establish membership guidelines and the committee's terms of reference. Terms of reference detailing the committee's membership and mandate are available for viewing on the community website:

www.amaizeinglygreen.com/community

Public representation on this committee is essential to its success. To this end, we are seeking to fill at least two seats which are reserved for members of the public. Interested persons are invited to submit their name and contact information to the attention of Marni Saunders, Environmental, Health and Safety Coordinator.

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