

Building a SAF Business From the Ground Up

ABOUT MONTANA RENEWABLES

HEFA producer, 660MM liters per year in total renewable products

- Renewable hydrogen (feed for hydrotreater)
- Renewable diesel

Renewable naphtha (gasoline blendstock today, renewable plastics tomorrow)

- Synthetic Paraffinic Kerosene (SPK)—about 20-25% of current production
 - This is the "sustainable" portion in a SAF blend

2022: MRL placed in service (completed conversion of existing reactor, other infrastructure)
2023: Experience and expansion (new SMR and PTU)

2024: Achieved 170MM lpy SPK runrate = 340MM lpy SAF (at 50:50 blend per ASTM 7566)

Trailblazers

- World Energy—first domestic SAF producer
- Montana Renewables—second and currently largest North American producer (2004)
- Diamond Green (pending 2024)
- P66 (pending 2024)

LOCAL GATHERING OF MRL FEEDSTOCK

Located within the temperate oil seed belt for immediate feedstock access and lower-cost logistics

- 125,000+ barrels per day of feedstock within advantaged logistics range—10X coverage
- Burlington Northern ag commodities heavy duty rail





LOCAL PLACEMENT INTO LCFS PRODUCT MARKETS

Product Rail Costs to LCFS Markets			
\$/gallon	From Great Falls	From USGC ⁽¹⁾	
To Vancouver, BC	\$0.27	\$0.39	
To Calgary, AB	\$0.26	\$0.55	
To Seattle	\$0.25	\$0.50	
To Los Angeles	\$0.37	\$0.47	



Rail is expensive vs product pipelines e.g. ~\$0.07/gallon USGC to NY on Colonial PL⁽²⁾

- (1) Average of two renewable diesel plant sites
- (2) Beaumont TX to Linden NJ https://colpipe.s3-us-west-1.amazonaws.com/media/Colonial-FERC-99.88.0-Index-Increase-4861-1278-4579.1.pdf?mtime=20240531054825&focal=none

GETTING SAF OFF THE GROUND—SIMPLE TRUTHS

1. There will not be any SAF recovery from existing capacity

Unless SAF is priced above Renewable Diesel

Because the same kerosene molecules can simply stay in the diesel pool

2. There will not be any new capacity constructed

Unless lenders and investors believe they will recover their money

3. Scalable industry requires pipeline economics

Existing distribution infrastructure is advantaged on capex, opex, capacity

4. Key investor concerns:

- Technology risk
- Operating company competencies
- Stability of regulatory policy



2024 SAF PRODUCERS IN WESTERN HEMISPHERE

Legacy Operating Company?	Pending Completion	Running
YES	DIAMOND GREEN DIESEL	Supering Montana Renewables
NO	~ 3 dozen startup proposals (mostly HEFA or ATJ) <i>not yet</i> under construction	

Difficult for startup proposals to attract risk capital for construction



TECHNOLOGY RISK

Non-HEFA technologies are higher cost, which risks recovery of investment

Global SAF production cost for selected feedstocks Indicative



In Collaboration with McKinsey & Company: Clean Skies for Tomorrow, Sustainable Aviation Fuels as a Pathway to Net-Zero Aviation, Insight Report Nov 2020 World Economic Forum



OPERATIONAL COMPETENCIES RISK

Petroleum refiners have been doing this for 100+ years and *still* had renewable teething problems





REGULATORY POLICY RISK

The biggest challenge and the biggest opportunity?

MRL assumes a continuing energy transition

In which "stroke-of-pen risk" is reduced by the tapestry of different policies & regulations in multiple States and Provinces, Federal Canada and Federal US (EPA, Ag, DOE, FAA)

Although regulatory policy is collectively supportive, important details can still be materially at odds
Vegetable oil feedstock yes/no under different State/Federal legislation
Volume mandates (EU, Singapore, UK, etc) vs North America complex incentive structures
US incentives unstable over a capital investment planning horizon—i.e. specific disincentives introduced by erroneous 2023-25 RVO; BTC/PTC "donut hole"; broken permitting process; etc.
Canadian incentives in the cross-hairs for political rhetoric ("ax the tax")

Jet fuel uniquely requires international alignment for compliance and certification mechanics
Key "experimentation" underway but not yet aligned

Chain of custody accounting and book & claim mechanics will be a key enabler e.g. Shell Avelia⁽¹⁾



COMMERCIAL VALUE CHAIN AND THE "LAST MILE"

■ Value chain is lengthy

Crosses unrelated industry boundaries

FARM & RANCH FEEDSTOCK:



Industry will evolve over time to minimize total cost to serve customers, but chain length and complexity introduce significant price volatility

