# Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF)

# Update to FAA REDAC E&E Subcommittee

To: E&E REDAC Subcommittee

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## FAA's SAF (a.k.a AJF) R&D Program

## Working to Achieve SAF Production

- Coordination
  - CAAFI
- Testing
  - ASTM Status
- Analysis
  - Supply chain analysis and tools
  - ICAO CORSIA







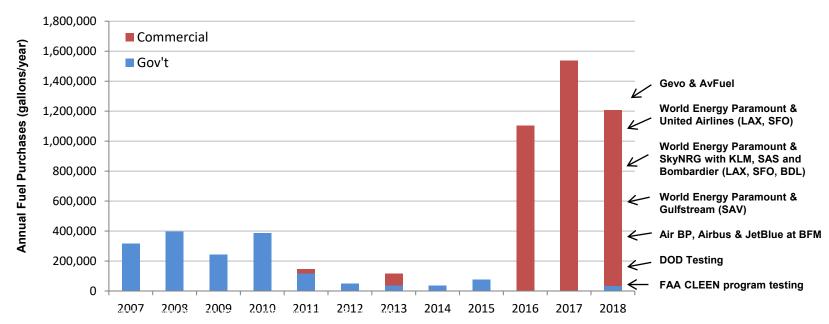




#### Where we stand?

- Three years of sustained commercial production and airline use
- 1.2 million gallons in 2018 from multiple producers, users, and airports
- New fuels under evaluation & construction of new facilities under way
- New partnerships announced and General Aviation engaged
- In 2019 expanded production planned and new incentives in CA & OR







## 2018 CAAFI Biennial General Meeting (CBGM)

- December 4-6, 2018 in Washington, DC
- 200+ attendees
- 3 days of panels, discussions, VIP speakers and networking
- Highlighted tremendous progress and momentum
- Identified priorities and strategies to maintain progress





Administration

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#### **2019 CAAFI Priorities**

Communicate the Value Proposition of SAJF

CAAFI®

COMMERCIAL AVIATION
ALTERNATIVE FUELS INITIATIVE

- Enhance the Fuel Qualification Approach
- Develop the U.S. SAJF Supply by Aligning Efforts to Enable Commercial Deployment
- Implement Frameworks & Share Best Practices

#### **CAAFI Administrative Leadership Team**:

- Steve Csonka, CAAFI Executive Director
- Chris Tindal, CAAFI Assistant Director
- Kristin Lewis, Volpe
- Peter Herzig, Volpe
- Nate Brown, FAA
- Rich Altman, CAAFI Executive Director Emeritus

#### **CAAFI Team Leads:**

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- Sustainability: J. Hileman & N. Young,
- Business: J. Heimlich
- R&D : M. Lakeman, S Kramer, & G. Andac

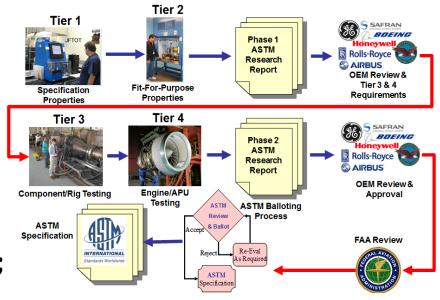
CAAFI Steering Group: AIA, ACI-NA, A4A, GE, Boeing, P&W, ASCENT, DOE, USDA



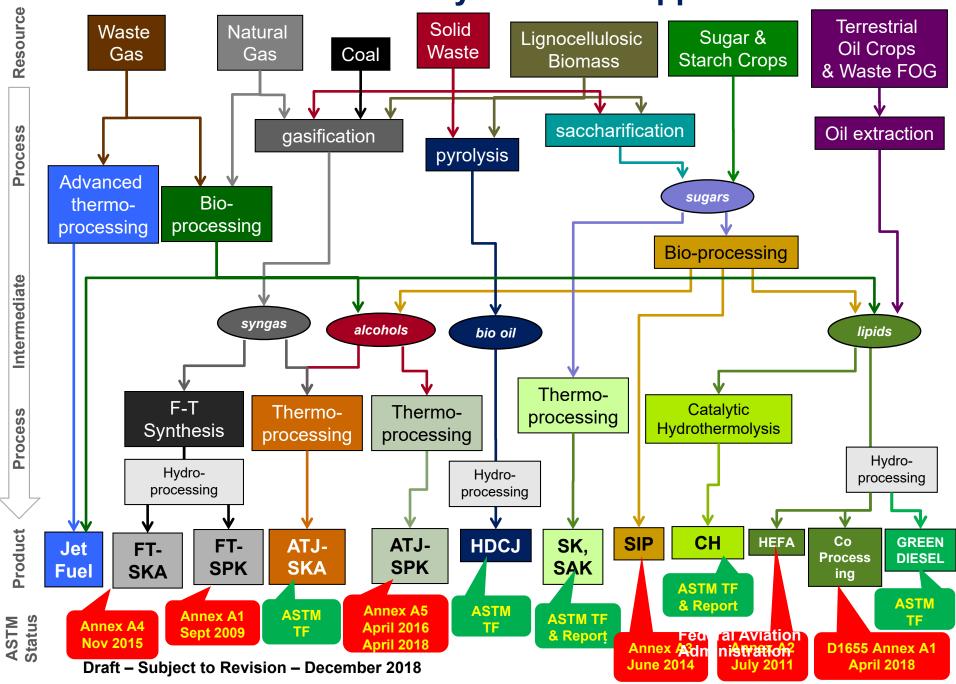
## **Testing: Alternative Jet Fuel Approvals**

# ASTM International manages jet fuel specification FAA and Defense support evaluation of AJFs

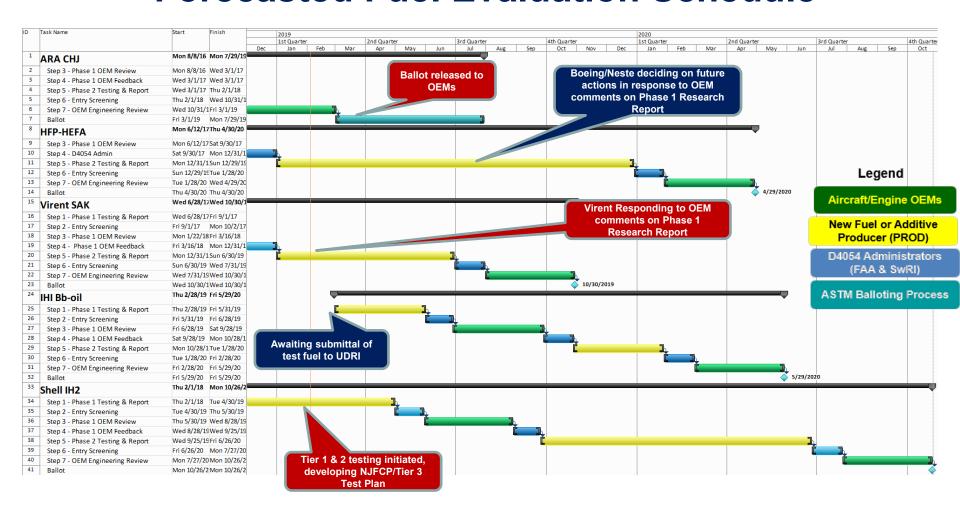
- D4054 Clearing House: Certification & qualification testing; data gathering & review; new test method development
- Since 2009, five fuels included in the AJF specification ASTM D7566 w/ spec expansions
- Co-processing added to ASTM D1655
- Lipids, sugars and biomass feedstocks
- Five pathways under evaluation; more anticipated



## **Alternative Jet Fuel Pathways & D7566 Approval Status**



# D4054 Clearinghouse Forecasted Fuel Evaluation Schedule



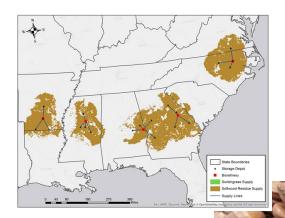
Mark Rumizen March, 2019



## Alternative Jet Fuel Supply Chain Analysis & Tools

### Understand benefits, costs and potential supply

- Considering entire supply chain via multiple aspects:
  - Feedstock production
  - Techno-economics of pathways
  - Existing infrastructure
  - Community assets
  - Transportation routes and capacity
  - Economic Impacts
- Three regional studies:
  - Inland Pacific Northwest
  - Hawaii
  - Southeast/Tennessee
- Developing open source tools for evaluation of supply chains
  - Economics; Community assets; Supply chain Risk Sharing; Logistics



Images: University of Tennessee & University of Hawaii

#### Research Team:

- ASCENT: Washington State U., MIT, Purdue,
   U. Tennessee, U. of Hawaii, Penn State U.
- U.S. DOT Volpe Transportation Center, DOE Argonne National Lab & National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL)

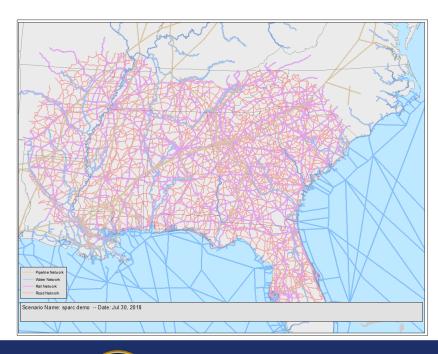
#### **Volpe - Freight and Fuels Transportation Optimization Tool (FTOT)**

#### Problem: Understand transportation needs and impacts of AJF scenarios

- Transportation costs, infrastructure requirements, and emissions depend on mode choice and routing.
- A supply-chain-level optimization approach to mode choice and routing of feedstocks and products can help assess viable options and identify likely geographic patterns of AJF supply.

#### Solution: FTOT

- Optimizes routings and flow of materials over multimodal GIS network for national or regional analyses.
- Regional study in collaboration with Southeast Partnership for Advanced Renewables from Carinata (SPARC)





## **WSU - Community Assets and Attribute Model (CAAM)**

- Problem: Identify project sites with the best chance of success
  - Need for a mechanism to simplify identification of suitable locations for project siting, and to suggest appropriate engagement strategies postselection that will enhance likelihood of project success.
- Solution: CAAM
  - Community Asset scores to determine how well any county performs on key community capitals: social, human, political, cultural
  - Strategic engagement approaches based on these scores and supplemental data

Step 1:

- Initial CAAM/Capital Scores to identify potential communities
- Based on CAAM what can we determine about county?

Step 2:

Supplement CAAM with other available or collected data

Step 3

- Based on CAAM and supplemental data:
- What strategies can be utilized to enhance likelihood of project success?



### **PSU - Supply Chain Risk Tool**

- Problem: Address supply chain transparency
  - AJF supply chains have multiple partners (e.g., farmers, pre-processors, refineries, airlines) who may not understand the business challenges faced by others. Perception exists that other supply chain partners may benefit at another's expense is an obstacle in AJF supply chains taking off.
- Solution: An interactive cash flow tool of all supply chain partners
  - Provide an understanding for all supply chain partners of the constraints and risks in the supply chain.
  - Transparent Excel based tool with multiple risksharing mechanisms
  - They can be switched off and on, dialed up or down.
  - A faster pace of establishment of AJF supply chains.

Grower (Per Acre)		Y/N	Year -3 Year -2 Year -1	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Receives Input Cost Support Per Acre	No	-		\$125	\$100	\$20	\$20	\$20
Receives Minimum Price Gurantee?	No	~		\$0		\$60	\$60	\$60
Crusher								
Has Minimum Volume Guarantee?	No	~		100	100	100	100	100
Has Minimum Price Guarantee?	No	*		\$290	\$290	\$290	\$290	\$290
Refinery								
Assets and Operations Help	Yes	-		\$125,000	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$110,000
Receives Minimum Purchase Quantity								
Gurantee from Airline	No	-		10000	10000	4000	4000	4000
Has Minimum Quantity of Raw Material								
Guarantee?	No	-		3000				
Asset Cost (No Help)				\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000
Operations Cost (No Help)				\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Airline								
Receives Percentage Price Gap								
Guarantee?	No	-		0%				
Promises to buy Minimum Quantity?	No	+		10000				
Government								
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#### **Alternative Fuels and CORSIA**

#### CORSIA Eligible Fuels (CEF) provide a secondary means to comply

- Lifecycle GHG Emissions Savings from CEF Reduces Individual Airline Operator Offset Obligation
- CEFs can be either:
  - "CORSIA Sustainable Aviation Fuel": renewable or waste-derived aviation fuel that meets the CORSIA Sustainability Criteria
  - "CORSIA Lower Carbon Aviation Fuel": fossil-based aviation fuel that meets the CORSIA Sustainability Criteria
- All fuels must comply with:
  - Lifecycle GHG emissions analysis (LCA) methodology
  - Sustainability requirements: (1) >10% relative LCA benefit; (2) protection for high carbon stock land
  - Sustainability certification requirements
  - SAF purchase monitoring, reporting & verification
- ICAO to Consider Additional Sustainability Criteria Before 2021 Implementation



## **CAEP/11 AFTF accomplishments**

- Greenhouse gas life cycle analysis (LCA) methodology (MIT)
- Default Core LCA values (MIT)
- Induced land use change (ILUC) methodology (Purdue)
- Default ILUC values (Purdue)
- Sustainability criteria for GHG, carbon in land (Volpe)
- Policy analysis on SAF deployment (MIT, Purdue)
- Fuel production scenarios to support 2050 trends assessment (MIT)



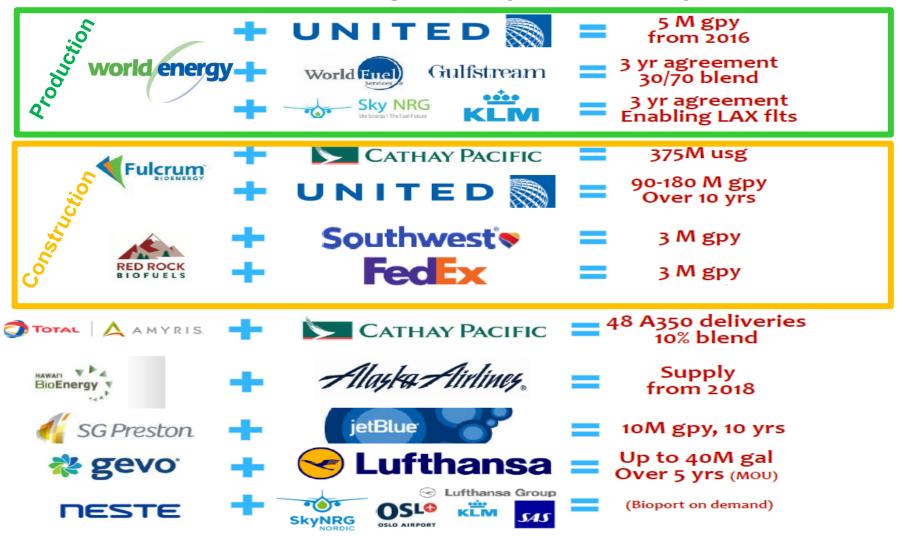
## CAEP/12 Fuels Task Group (FTG) Work Program

- O O O ACI ONE
- Default ILUC values & methodology refinement
- Default core LCA values & methodology refinement
- Emissions credits methodology refinement
- Sustainability additional/strengthened criteria
- Sustainability Certification Scheme (SCS) requirements
- Forward projection of fuel availability leverage work on CORSIA emission unit availability & costs
- Understanding emissions credits / ILUC permanence
- Analysis to support guidance on policies & approaches for deployment of SAF



### Where are we headed?

### Potential for 250+ million gallons/year in five years





## **Questions**



## **Potential CORSIA Sustainability Criteria**

#### Work is ongoing on additional criteria within ICAO CAEP

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Sustainable = environmental +
                                   greenhouse gas (1) +
              social +
              economic
                                   air quality (?) +
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carbon in the land (2) + water quality (?) + soil quality (?) + conservation (?) + waste / chemicals (?) + human and labor rights (?) + land use rights (?) + water use rights (?) + local and social development (?) + food security (?)