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Advanced Military Biofuels Receives More Support from U.S. Senate



Just two days after the Senate voted to repeal Section 313 of the annual Defense Appropriations Bill, which prohibited the Department of Defense from procuring alternative fuels if their price surpassed that of conventional fuels, the Senate voted again in support of advanced military biofuels.

Adding momentum to Wednesday's key victory, today the US Senate voted 54-41 in favor of an amendment offered by Senator Kay Hagan of North Carolina to repeal section 2823 of the annual Defense appropriations bill.

Sec. 2823 of the FY13 NDAA (S. 3524) would have prohibited the Secretary of Defense or any other official from the Department of Defense from entering into a contract to plan, design, refurbish, or construct a biofuels refinery or any other facility or infrastructure used to refine biofuels unless such planning, design, refurbishment, or construction is specifically authorized by law.

The bill would have deterred efforts to develop a commercial supply of cost-competitive advanced biofuels as detailed in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Defense (DOD), Department of Energy (DOE), and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Westar Founder and CEO, Cindy Thyfault comments: "We are excited to have worked with game-changing renewable jet fuel technologies that are ready to go and need the stability that a U.S. military market provides. This vote by the Senate allows the USDA, the DOE, the DOD, and technology providers and investors to work together to solve the problem of the availability of sustainable, reliable jet fuel and diesel."

Westar has been closely following industry developments and has been extremely active in advocacy efforts in addition to leveraging the DOD and DOE programs for its clients. This past summer, DOD and DOE released funding opportunities stemming from the MOU by DOD, DOE, and USDA focusing on advanced biofuels for aviation and military applications.

After much anticipation, DOD released an FOA this past June announcing the availability of \$30 million in funding for the "Advanced Drop-In Biofuels Production Project" with the goal of establishing domestic value chains capable of producing drop-in replacement biofuels through an Integrated Biofuels Production Enterprise (IBPE) comprised of partnerships.

Similarly, DOE's \$40 million funding opportunity, "Innovative Pilot and demonstration-scale production of advanced biofuels" focused on lignocellulosic and algal feedstock components. Westar completed several applications for these programs and is looking forward to promising results for our clients.

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