

AEA PLAYS KEY ROLE IN GALLAGHER REVIEW ON BIOFUELS

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AEA Technology ('AEA'), a leading climate change consultancy, has played an important role in advising the Gallagher Review on the indirect effects of biofuels, which was published 07 July 2008.

The results of the Gallagher Review, undertaken by the Renewable Fuels Agency, will help inform the development of both the UK and EU's policies in this area and will underpin the consideration of EU biofuel targets after 2010.

AEA's world leading transport experts managed a series of studies across two areas:

- **The drivers of land use change** (including current and anticipated drivers and demand for land and feedstock); and
- **A review of future demand and supply of biofuels to 2020 and their impact upon greenhouse gas emissions.**

AEA assessed and brought together the findings of the studies in a synthesis report, which has been viewed as an "invaluable contribution" by the Renewable Fuels Agency. AEA also reviewed and coordinated the literature from the Review's Call for Evidence.

Robert Bell, AEA's Group Director – Operations said; "AEA's expertise in all areas of biofuels production has enabled the Review to use the best possible scientific evidence concerning the effects biofuels will have on future land use change and its impacts upon greenhouse gas emissions".

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Notes to Editors:

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Background:



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On 21 February 2008 Secretary of State for Transport Ruth Kelly invited the Renewable Fuels Agency to undertake a Review of the Indirect Effects of Biofuels. This was done in the light of new evidence suggesting that an increasing demand for biofuels might indirectly cause carbon emissions because of land use change, and concerns that demand for biofuels may be driving food insecurity by causing food commodity price increases.

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/rfa/reportsandpublications/reviewoftheindirecteffectsofbiofuels.cfm>

The Renewable Fuels Agency is a Non-Departmental Public Body (NDPB) which has been established to administer the Government's Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation (RTFO) and to report to Ministers and to Parliament on its impacts. The RFA has a Board of Directors under the chairmanship of Professor Ed Gallagher, formerly the Chief Executive of the Environment Agency. Details via <http://www.dft.gov.uk/rfa>