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North America: More than shale gas

American Biogas Council joins forces with U.S. Composting Council

The American Biogas Council and the U.S. Composting Council have announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding created to help accelerate the growth of the organics recycling industry. Each organization is the leading advocate for its industry and together, they represent over 900 organizations.

Source: [Biomass Magazine](#)

USDA announces payments to pellet, biogas producers

The USDA announced more than \$15.7 million in payments to 189 companies under USDA Rural Development's Advanced Biofuel Payment Program. 20 companies received payments under the round of funding for the production of biogas

Source: [Biomass Magazine](#)

Building Ontario's Clean Energy Future

Ontario, Canada has been a North American leader in clean energy procurement. There are currently almost 2,000 small and large Feed-in Tariff (FIT) projects with about 2,900 MW electricity installed and has contracted additional 4,600 MW. A report reviewing the last two years of FIT supports highlights the achievements.

Source: [Ontario](#)

USDA announces \$25 million in funding for biomass projects

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced \$25 million to fund research and development of next-generation renewable energy and high-value biobased products from a variety of biomass sources. Ohio State University received a grant of \$6,510,183 to develop an anaerobic digestion system for the production of liquid transportation fuels and electricity from animal manure, agricultural residues, woody biomass and energy crops.

Source: [Biomass Magazine](#)

US Biogas tax credit proposal

The American Biogas Council has applauded the introduction of the Biogas Investment Tax Credit Act of 2013 which would provide a 30% investment tax credit for qualifying biogas technologies.

Source: [Bioenergy Insight](#)

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