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### **USDA report aims to provide uniform method for GHG assessment**

The USDA recently published a report that provides uniform scientific methods for quantifying the changes in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and carbon storage from various land management and conservation activities. The report on “Quantifying Greenhouse Gas Fluxes in Agriculture and Forestry: Methods for Entity-Scale Inventory” will help departments evaluate current and future GHG conservation programs.

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### **U.S. releases Biogas Roadmap**

The U.S. government has released the Biogas Opportunities Roadmap highlighting the economic and environmental benefits that can result from constructing more biogas systems to recycle organic materials. The Biogas Roadmap, a part of the Obama administration's Strategy to Reduce Methane Emissions. The United States currently has more than 2,000 sites producing biogas and the Roadmap says that with the proper support, more than 11,000 additional biogas systems could be deployed in the United States.

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### **Biomass Magazine launches biogas map**

Biomass Magazine has added biogas energy producers to its existing portfolio of bioenergy map products. The product is the result of many months of extensive research and data gathering by *Biomass Magazine* staff. The map currently includes on-farm digesters and wastewater treatment plants that provide power to the grid. Information includes digester/plant name, location, and the energy product produced.

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### **DOE announces draft solicitation for Section 1703 loan guarantees**

The U.S. Department of Energy has opened a loan guarantee solicitation, making up to \$4 million available for innovative RE and energy efficiency projects located in the U.S. that avoid, reduce or sequester greenhouse gases. With regard to waste-to-energy, the solicitation is focused on projects harnessing waste products, such as landfill gas and segregated waste as a source of energy or fuel.

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### **EPA finalizes RFS rules establishing new pathways**

In July EPA published two final rules pertaining to the renewable fuel standard (RFS) program. The first establishes new fuel pathways, while the second finalizes the voluntary quality assurance plan for the RFS. The biofuels industry has spoken out to criticize the study

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