

**Method 2 Application for the Establishment of a New
Fuel Pathway under the California Low Carbon Fuel
Standard (LCFS)**



California Environmental Protection Agency



Air Resources Board

LCFS Method 2 Pathway Application

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Please feel free to contact the California Air Resources Board (ARB) staff if you have any questions concerning the application process.

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California Air Resources Board Main Website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>

Low Carbon Fuel Standard Website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/fuels/lcfs/lcfs.htm>

I. LCFS APPLICATION METHOD 2 SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

As specified in the LCFS regulation (Title 17, CCR, §§ 95480 through 95490) an application package must contain the following items in order for ARB staff to complete a preliminary evaluation within 30 days of submittal:

Required Documents	Submittal Details
1. A completed Method 2A-2B application form.	The application form can be downloaded from http://www.arb.ca.gov/fuels/guidancedocs.htm (2 nd bullet under “Low Carbon Fuel Standard). In addition, review the Method 2A-2B guidance document available by clicking the 1 st bullet.
2. For an application containing confidential business information (CBI) (as defined in Title 17, CCR, § 95486(f)(3)(B)1) please submit the following <i>two</i> versions of each document: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A full version containing CBI. • A full non-confidential version, suitable for posting to the LCFS public website. 	<u>Example:</u> Existing non-confidential pathway reports along with other required documentation for all 2A-2B applications are available at http://www.arb.ca.gov/fuels/lcfs/2a2b/2a-2b-apps.htm .
3. Recent utility invoices covering the <i>two</i> most recent representative years of operation at the facility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural Gas usage • Electricity usage • Petroleum usage • Coal usage • Other process fuel usage 	All original invoices must be scanned and submitted electronically for verification. In addition, details from each invoice must be itemized in a spreadsheet. Please see Title 17, CCR, § 95486(f)(3)(C)3.
4. Fuel production records covering the same two-year period as the invoices described in item #3 above.	Provide copies of sales receipts or internal production or sales records. Records should also be itemized in a spreadsheet in a manner similar to the utility invoice itemization. Please explain if the plant was shut down at any point during the two years covered by the production records. Please see Title 17, CCR, § 95486(f)(3)(C)3.

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5. Trucking/transport invoices (if non-default transportation values are claimed).	Scan and electronically submit invoices and include spreadsheet itemizing all invoices. This spreadsheet should be structured like the utility invoice spreadsheet described in item #3 above. Please see Title 17, CCR, § 95486(f)(3)(C)3.
6. A copy of the CA-GREET 1.8b spreadsheet that was used to calculate the final pathway CI. A separate table must itemize, describe, and provide spreadsheet and cell locations of all inputs used and modifications made.	Using the input values and modification information provided by the applicant, staff must be able to replicate the applicant's pathway CI results.
7. List of combustion-powered equipment.	The list should describe the equipment and specify the fuel used.
8. One or more process flow diagrams (PDFs).	The PDFs must be current, accurate, and must fully describe the fuel production process.
9. Air pollution control permits.	As issued by the local jurisdiction. This would normally be a state environmental regulatory agency, but could be an air quality management district. Outside the U.S., equivalent permits are issued by the national government, or a more local regulatory entity.
10. The third-party engineering report prepared for compliance with the Federal Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS2).	The RFS2 program requires an independent third-party engineering review report. A copy of this report is also required by ARB. Please see Title 17, CCR, § 95486(f)(3)(C)9.

II. BIOFUEL PRODUCER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Following ARB approval of a Method 2 Application, the applicant is invited to participate in the voluntary LCFS Biofuel Producer Registration Program. The benefits of participation are summarized below. Registration is accomplished by submitting the following two items:

Required Documents	Submittal Details
1. ARB voluntary biofuel producer registration information, if any.	The registration form can be found at: http://www.arb.ca.gov/fuels/lcfs/reportingtool/biofuelregistration.htm .
2. A transmittal signed by the company's CEO, or the CEO's designee.	The letter affirms that the pathway description and CI appearing in the registration form accurately reflect the registrant's actual pathway and CI.

III. INSTRUCTIONS

The California Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) (Title 17, CCR, §§ 95480 through 95490) requires regulated parties to report the carbon intensity (CI) of all fuels sold in California to the Air Resources Board (ARB).¹ Fuel CIs may be obtained in one of two ways:

- **Method 1:** Regulated parties may use a CI from the LCFS Lookup Table², as long as their fuels were produced using a production pathway that is consistent with the production pathway behind the CI they wish to use. The website links of the LCFS pathways are provided at the end of this section.
- **Method 2:** Regulated parties may apply for a new fuel pathway that reflects their specific fuel production processes. Completing this application form is the first step in the method 2 application process.

Users of either Method 1 or Method 2 are encouraged to register their CIs through the LCFS Biofuel Producer Registration Program. Registration is a voluntary process that helps fuel buyers find the fuels they need for LCFS compliance, and it facilitates the compliance reporting process. Registered producers and the fuels they offer are listed on the Registration website, and are included in a drop-down list of sellers in the LCFS Reporting Tool (LRT). To register, a producer:

- Fills out a brief form requesting information about the producer and the fuel produced;
- Signs a statement affirming the accuracy of the information provided in the form, and;
- Provides evidence of the existence of a physical pathway by which the fuel can be transported from its point of production to California.

Applicants for a Method 2 pathway must complete the application form that begins on page 7 of this document. Submittal of this form initiates the formal pathway evaluation process. Prospective applicants are encouraged to discuss their proposals with ARB staff prior to submitting a completed application form. The documentation that must be submitted along with this form is specified in Title 17, CCR, § 95486(f)(3)(C)1. Submission of an incomplete application packet will result in delays, which could lead to denial. A general list of the types of supporting information that must be submitted with a 2A-2B application appears in Section I of this application form.

¹ As specified in Title 17, CCR, § 95480.1, the LCFS applies to most transportation fuels sold in California. Some fuels are deemed to have already complied with the regulation, but may “opt in” to earn credits. A few others are specifically exempted.

² As specified in Title 17, CCR, § 95486 (b)(1). “Table 6. Carbon Intensity Lookup Table for Gasoline and Fuels that Substitute for Gasoline”; and “Table 7. Carbon Intensity Lookup Table for Diesel and Fuels that Substitute for Diesel.”

The full Method 2 application process is described in detail in a document entitled *Establishing New Fuel Pathways under the California Low Carbon Fuels Standard*. It is available on the LCFS website:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/fuels/lcfs/012010newguideline.pdf>

The life cycle analysis reports included with Method 2A-2B application packets should be similar in format, content, and scope to those already approved under the LCFS. Examples of approved life cycle analyses can be found at:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/fuels/lcfs/2a2b/2a-2b-apps.htm>

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/fuels/lcfs/workgroups/workgroups.htm#pathways>

Applicants may designate portions of their submittals as confidential business information (CBI). All information so designated will be treated in accordance with Title 17, CCR, §§ 91000-91022 and the California Public Records Act. The decision to designate portions of a packet as CBI should take into consideration the public nature of the rulemaking process. New and modified pathways can be approved only if enough information is available publicly to justify that approval.

IV. COMPANY INFORMATION

Application Submission Date: 3/12/2013, Rev. 9/26/2013	
Company Name: Trenton Agri Products, LLC	
Mailing Address: 36638 U.S. Highway 34	
City: Trenton	
State / Province: NE	Postal/Zip Code: 69044
Country (if outside of the U.S.):	
Contact Person: Ralph Scott	
Title: Plant Manager	
Phone: 308-334-7802	Fax:
Mobile Phone:	Email Address: rascott@trentonagriproducts.com
Company Website URL:	
U.S. EPA Company ID:	

V. FACILITY INFORMATION

Facility Name: Trenton Agri Products, LLC	
Facility Address: 36638 U.S. Highway 34	
City: Trenton	
State / Province: NE	Postal/Zip Code: 69044
Country (if outside the U.S.):	
Facility Contact Person: Ralph Scott	
Title: Plant Manager	
Phone: 308-334-7802	Fax:
Mobile Phone:	Email Address: rascott@trentonagriproducts.com
U.S. EPA Facility ID:	
Facility Production Capacity (millions of gallons per year – MGY): 50,000,000	

VI. CONSULTANT INFORMATION

Consultant's Name: Adrien Kogut, ERI Solutions, Inc.	
Position/Title: Environmental Services Coordinator	
Consultant Company Address: 3555 Stanford Road, Suite 200	
City: Fort Collins	
State / Province: CO	Postal/Zip Code: 80525
Phone: 316-927-4261	Fax:
Mobile Phone:	Email Address: Adrien.Kogut@erisolutions.com
Consultant's Company Website URL: www.erisolutions.com	

VII. PATHWAY INFORMATION

a. Enter pathway application type. Applicants are encouraged to discuss their pathway application types with ARB staff before completing this section. Please check one box only.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Method 2A: Sub-Pathway	<input type="checkbox"/> Method 2B: New Pathway
b. Please provide a brief description of the proposed pathway. Emphasize the important innovations and/or distinctive characteristics associated with the proposed pathway or sub-pathway.	
TAP uses the standard dry grind process for producing ethanol. The process is disaggregated according to the share of fuel produced when distiller's grains are dried versus sold as Wet DGS. Natural gas and electricity consumption rates for the TAP process are significantly lower than what is assumed in the reference pathway.	

VIII. METHOD 2A SUB-PATHWAY INFORMATION

<p>1. The “reference pathway” is the existing fuel pathway to which the proposed new sub-pathway is most closely related. The carbon intensity (CI) of the proposed pathway described in this application must be lower by at least 5 gCO₂e/MJ than the carbon intensity of the reference pathway. Show all pathway information exactly as it appears in the LCFS Lookup Table.</p>
<p>Fuel Type: Ethanol from Sorghum</p>
<p>Pathway Description: Ethanol, Midwest, Sorghum, Dry Mill, Dry DGS, 100% NG Ethanol, Midwest, Sorghum, Dry Mill, Wet DGS, 100% NG</p>
<p>Carbon Intensity (CI) Values (gCO₂e/MJ):</p>
<p>Direct Emissions(gCO₂e/MJ): Dry DGS - 67.04, Wet DGS - 56.61</p>
<p>Land Use or Other Indirect Effect: 30</p>
<p>Total CI Value (gCO₂e/MJ): Dry DGS - 97.04, Wet DGS - 86.61</p>
<p>Pathway ID Code: ETHG001, ETHG002</p>
<p>2. Compositional differences (if any) between the fuel produced by the new sub-pathway and the reference pathway identified in item 1 above).</p>
<p>There are no compositional differences between the fuel produced by the new sub-pathway and the fuel produced by the reference pathway.</p>
<p>Final CI of the proposed pathway (gCO₂e/MJ): Dry DGS - 87.26, Wet DGS - 78.87</p>

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Annual volume of fuel produced using the proposed new pathway that would enter the California market (MGY): 50,000,000									
Production volume is expected to be achieved within how many years from the start of production? Production volume can be achieved upon CARB's acceptance of proposed sub-pathways									
Does the applicant expect this volume to be achieved by a single or by multiple facilities?									
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A Single Facility	<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Facilities								
If the applicant expects this volume to be achieved by multiple facilities, would all facilities be owned by a single firm?									
<input type="checkbox"/> A Single Firm	<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Farms								
Lower Heating Value (LHV) of the fuel to be produced from the new pathway (MJ/gal): No change; default GREET value of 80.5 MJ per gallon of anhydrous ethanol is used.									
The range of production volumes over which the proposed pathway carbon intensity value is valid. The values reported below must be supported in the documentation accompanying this application.									
<table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr style="background-color: #cccccc;"> <th style="padding: 5px;"><i>Production Volume Range</i></th> <th style="padding: 5px;"><i>Fuel Volume (MGY)</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;"><i>Lower Bound</i></td> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">10,000,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;"><i>Upper Bound</i></td> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">50,000,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;"><i>Average Volume</i></td> <td style="padding: 5px;"></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		<i>Production Volume Range</i>	<i>Fuel Volume (MGY)</i>	<i>Lower Bound</i>	10,000,000	<i>Upper Bound</i>	50,000,000	<i>Average Volume</i>	
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Please provide any information that may be helpful in determining the land use change impacts (if any) of the proposed pathway. Although it is ARB's responsibility to perform all land use change impact analyses, the applicant may provide any information that may be useful to the ARB in completing that analysis.									
The proposed sub-pathways will not impact land use change differently than the referenced pathways.									

X. APPLICANT SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST

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<p>Listed below are the documents and files that may be submitted in support of a method 2A-2B application. Check the box to the left of each document or file type included in your submittal. After each submittal category is a check box labeled "includes confidential business information (Title 17, CCR, § 95486(f)(3)(B)1). Check that box if the submittal category contains any information the applicant considered to be a trade secret. In the actual submittal, the specific information falling into the confidential business information category must be clearly marked. Additional information regarding the submission of trade secrets can be found in the Instructions above.</p>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pathway life cycle analysis report (required). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Includes confidential business information</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CA-GREET model results (please submit the CA-GREET spreadsheet) (required). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Includes confidential business information</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	All operating permits issued by the local air pollution control authority (required).
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	One or more process flow diagrams covering the complete production process, including all inputs (feedstocks, process energy, etc.) and outputs (finished fuel, co-products, wastes, etc.) (required). <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Includes confidential business information</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A comprehensive list of all stationary combustion-powered equipment associated with the production facility. List entries should name the equipment, briefly describe its function, identify the fuel or fuels used, and quantify fuel use on a per-gallon-of-finished-fuel-produced basis (required). <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Includes confidential business information</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Equipment technical specifications. <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Includes confidential business information</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Production process schematics, technical drawings flow diagrams, maps, or other graphical representations (other than/in addition to the required process flow diagram). <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Includes confidential business information</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Engineering reports. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Includes confidential business information</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical papers or journal articles <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Includes confidential business information</i>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Emissions monitoring data or emissions modeling results. <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Includes confidential business information</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spreadsheets, data files, and similar files documenting the calculations behind the fuel life cycle analysis. <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Includes confidential business information</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	All operating permits issued by the local air pollution control authority (required).
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other: In the space below, describe any additional submittals. Rationales for documents submitted or omitted may also be provided. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Includes confidential business information</i>
Utility invoices from production years 2010 and 2011 Fuel Production records from production years 2010 and 2011	

XI. APPLICANT DISCLOSURE

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By my signature below, I confirm that, to best of my knowledge, the pathway CI for which I am applying accurately reflects the actual pathway CI for that fuel, and that I will only label my fuel with this CI when the actual CI is equal to or less than the approved LCFS pathway CI.	
Name: Ralph A. Scott	Title: Plant Manager
Signature: 	Date: 9/26/13