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Oregon and Washington have implemented clean fuel standards, with California's Low Carbon Fuel Standard often garnering the most attention due to the \$4 billion/year (€3.7 billion) market the policy has created, coupled with significant emission reductions.

In a late-night vote at the New Mexico Senate, House Bill 41 (Clean Transportation Fuel Standards), passed by a vote of 26-15 on 13 February.

This achievement is the result of a multi-year effort by the American Biogas Council (ABC), Low Carbon Fuels Coalition, New Mexico's Governor's office, and other industry stakeholders.

The ABC said it extends its gratitude to all those involved, with special recognition for Representative Kristina Orteiz and Senator Mimi Stewart, who skillfully guided this bill through New Mexico's famously short, 30-day Legislative Session.

The ABC also thanked Governor Grisham for her continued support and the New Mexico Environment Department for their expertise and advocacy.

"After four years of working on this legislation, New Mexico is ready for clean fuels," said Sydney Lienemann, New Mexico Environment Department Deputy Cabinet Secretary.

"Clean fuels will bring good paying jobs to all corners of our state while reducing air pollution and incentivising new technologies for transportation."

"Congratulations New Mexico on taking an enormous leap forward to combat climate change while making the state a magnet for new, local investments," said Patrick Serfass, executive director of the ABC.

"We're looking at you next Hawaii, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, and New York."



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North San Joaquin Vallue issued rare 'AA' BDO Zone rating

BEAM Circular, the Almond Board of California, Stanislaus County and Ecostrat have announced the issue of a rare 'AA' rating to the North San Joaquin Valley Bioeconomy Development Opportunity Zone centered in Modesto, California. This is North America's first BDO Zone rating for Orchard Biomass, Nut Tree Shells and Almond Hulls. The North San Joaquin Valley BDO... [\[Read More\]](#)

Concerns raised about Ukraine's "unprofitable" biomethane industry

Ukraine's biomethane industry is struggling, according to Oleg Ryabov, head of the alternative energy sector of Hals Agro. His company has stopped producing biomethane due to economic conditions - the co-generation plant that converts the biogas into biomethane has been stopped. In Ukraine, the cost of biomethane production is, in the best case, over €600 per 1,000... [\[Read More\]](#)

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Essex County Council encourages food waste recycling for biogas

Essex County Council is encouraging households in its jurisdiction to recycle their uneaten food, as it can be used to generate green energy, as well as for fertiliser or compost. The local authority aims to reuse, recycle or compost at least 70% of waste generated by 2030. In Essex, most food recycling is collected by residents' local councils' waste and recycling teams,... [\[Read More\]](#)

Oulu Energy plans a 100 MW hydrogen plant in Oulu, Finland

Oulu Energy Ltd is planning to build a 100 megawatts (MW) hydrogen production plant in Oulu, northern Finland. Partner for the project planning is the Finnish company P2X Solutions, which is currently constructing a hydrogen production plant in Harjavalta, western Finland. According to the preliminary plan, the whole project planned in Laanila industrial area, would... [\[Read More\]](#)

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STX Group partners with BioValue for Dutch biomethane plant

STX Group, a leading global firm in environmental commodities trading and climate finance, has announced a financing partnership with BioValue, a major Dutch biomethane producer, for the construction and development of the Groengas Cothen biomethane plant. The new plant adds at least 80GWh of renewable natural gas capacity per year. This strategic move is aligned with... [\[Read More\]](#)

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American Biogas Council: 2023 was third year of record US biogas growth

Newly-released data from the American Biogas Council (ABC) indicates that 2023 was the third year of record growth across the US biogas industry, with nearly 100 new projects coming online last year, representing \$1.8 billion (€1.6 billion) in capital investments. ABC expects this growth to continue into 2024, with more than 100 new projects already projected to go... [\[Read More\]](#)

Ukraine advances legislation for biogas exports to Europe

Ukraine's parliament has advanced legislation to enable customs clearance of biomethane for international trade via gas pipelines. The procedural draft law was adopted in its first reading. Accompanying documents denote that Ukrainian companies are already working on producing biomethane and transporting it through pipeline networks. More than 10 agricultural holdings... [\[Read More\]](#)

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Nedgia signs biomethane utilisation agreement for new property developments

Nedgia, the Naturgy Group gas distributor, and Hercesa | hi! Real Estate, a leading developer nationwide and present in eight different countries, have signed a partnership to facilitate the use of renewable gases, especially biomethane, in the real estate group's new developments in Spain. The first developments that will include the connection equipped for the use... [\[Read More\]](#)

Germany's proposed biomass strategy poorly received by industry

The German government's national biomass strategy will identify pathways for 2030 and 2045, and focus on "how the sustainable production and use of biomass can serve as a building block for the necessary transformation of our economic system and, in the long term, for achieving climate protection and biodiversity targets as well as the energy transition". The document... [\[Read More\]](#)

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