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POWER FUND BOARD TO TOUR FARMS TO FUEL PROJECT

(Des Moines, IA) – The Iowa Power Fund Board will be holding their monthly meeting at Amana Farms on August 12, 2009. Before the meeting, the Board will be viewing the progress made at Amana's Farms to Fuel project.

The Farms to Fuel project has been working to take organic materials, including animal manure and food processing by-products, out of the waste stream and process them to produce methane gas. The methane gas will be used to generate electricity, while the other co-products of the digestion process will be used to manage the nutrient content of soil. Iowans will see a benefit through the reduction of odor, elimination of pathogens in manure, and reductions in carbon emissions from non-renewable sources.

"This project demonstrates an opportunity in agriculture to convert waste to create energy," said Roya Stanley, Director of the Iowa Office of Energy Independence. "It can also help the agricultural sector save money on energy costs and effectively manage soil nutrient levels."

Amana Farms received \$1,082,575 from the Power Fund and has \$4,077,449 in matching funds.

Project Tour Location: Amana Farms, Inc.
2595 F15 Blvd
Amana, IA 52203

Power Fund Board Meeting Information

When: August 12, 2009

Time: 12:30 pm

Location: Iowa Theatre Artists Company
4709 220th Trail
Amana, IA

The agenda is posted at <http://www.energy.iowa.gov>.

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