



ADVISORY
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TO : ALL BIOFUEL PRODUCERS

SUBJECT : IMPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES ON THE PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, AND/OR SALE OF BIOFUELS WITHOUT CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION (COA) AS MANUFACTURER OF BIOFUELS

DATE : APR 30 2025

The Department of Energy (DOE) shall, sixty (60) calendar days after the issuance of this Advisory, strictly implement Sec. 1(e) of the Joint Administrative Order (JAO) No. 2008-1, Series of 2008, otherwise known as the "Guidelines Governing the Biofuel Feedstocks Production, and Biofuels and Biofuel Blends Production, Distribution and Sale under Republic Act No. 9367," which imposes administrative penalties on the production, distribution, and/or sale of biofuels without the requisite COA, among others.

Biofuel producers may have their applications for renewal of COAs processed even if some documents from other concerned government agencies or instrumentalities are not yet issued/available, by procuring a Certificate of Energy Project of National Significance (CEPNS) under DOE Department Order No. DO2024-04-0003, titled "Prescribing the Framework and Guidelines for the Processing of Applications for CEPNS." This Certificate grants prioritized and simultaneous processing of permits and other requirements.

Thus, the DOE hereby urges all biofuel producers that require the renewal of COA to procure a CEPNS within sixty (60) calendar days from the date hereof.

Biofuel producers that opt not to apply for CEPNS and subsequently fail to renew the COA before the expiration of its validity shall, after due notice and hearing, be imposed the appropriate administrative fines if found to have produced, distributed and/or sold biofuels without having been issued the requisite COA.

Please be guided accordingly.


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