

## Tuesday, March 31

### 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

#### Track 1: Pellets & Densified Biomass

### Optimizing Biomass Handling From Infeed to Transport

Magnolia Mezzanine 10 - Tuesday, March 31 (1:00 pm - 2:30 pm)

- Moderator: **Neal Yancey**, BFNUP Operations Manager, Idaho National Laboratory
  - **Amy Duncan**, Marketing Manager, Dos Santos International  
*Overcoming Biomass Handling Challenges in Modern Facilities*
  - **Zach Smith**, Research Engineer, Idaho National Laboratory  
*Engineering a Material-Specific Bale Processor Head to Minimize Plastic Wrap Entanglement*
  - **Brian Smalley**, EVP Marketing and Sales, National Steel Car  
*Railcar Innovation for Biomass Transportation*
  - **Colleen Miller**, Sales Manager, Sennebogen, LLC  
*Grant Funding, Carbon Footprint Reduction and Electric Material Handling Solutions*

#### Track 2: Biomass Power & Thermal

### Contaminant Control and Power Conversion in Gasification Systems

Magnolia Mezzanine 9 - Tuesday, March 31 (1:00 pm - 2:30 pm)

- Moderator: **Michael Long**, Principal, Long Thermochemical LLC
  - **Luís Bastos**, Sales & Project Manager, Advanced Cyclone Systems, S.A.  
*Enabling Biomass Gasification and Pyrolysis in Energy-Intensive Industries: A New Role for High-Efficiency Cyclones*
  - **Cornelius Van Tonder**, Chief Engineer, Bara Consultants  
*A Hard Look at Viable Pathways for Biomass Gasification-to-Electricity: A Comparative Review of ORC, Reciprocating Engines, Gas Turbines, and Emerging Conversion Routes*
  - **Md Mashiur Rahman**, The Pennsylvania State University  
*Design and Optimization of Nozzle Inclination Angle and Swirl Combustor in Low-tar Biomass (LTB) Gasifier: A Biomass Power Generation Application*

#### Track 3: Biogas & Renewable Natural Gas (RNG)

### Market and Policy Risk in Renewable Natural Gas Development

Magnolia Mezzanine 5/6 - Tuesday, March 31 (1:00 pm - 2:30 pm)

- Moderator: **Rachana Malviya**, Founder and CEO, Greenloop Clean Technology PLLC
  - **Stephen d'Esterhazy**, Senior Consultant, Trinity Consultants  
*Is the Renewable Natural Gas Market Fully Saturated? Understanding Constraints and Identifying Opportunities*
  - **Erin LeBoeuf**, Fuels Compliance Consultant, Trinity Consultants  
*West Coast Clean Fuels Programs: Optimizing Carbon Intensity and Minimizing Compliance Risk*
  - **Tony Li, Student**, Vanderbilt University/quasar energy group  
*The Influence of Policy on the Economic and Environmental Sustainability of Anaerobic Digestion of Organic Waste: Insights from an Industrial Case Study*
  - **Thomas Murray**, Vice President of Decarbonization, Vermont Gas Systems, Inc.  
*RNG Thermal Markets*
  - **Alex Henson**, Account Manager, SGS Beta  
*The Carbon-14 Biogenic Content Testing Method for the U.S. EPA Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS)*

#### Track 4: Renewable Diesel & Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF)

### Engineering Biomass Conversion Pathways for SAF and Renewable Diesel

Magnolia Mezzanine 2-4 - Tuesday, March 31 (1:00 pm - 2:30 pm)

- Moderator: **John Pierce**, Partner, Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP
  - **Gord Crawford**, President & CEO, Expander Energy, Inc.  
*Comparison of Biomass to SAF pathways using Gasification and FT technology*
  - **Ricardo Soares**, Professor, Federal University of Uberlandia - Faculty of Chemical Engineering  
*Advances in different technologies/routes for SAF/Diesel-range hydrocarbon production based on biomass sources: soybean oil, syngas (SPK-FT), or ethanol (ATJ)*
  - **Mark Mauss**, President, Lutros, LLC  
*New Monte™: novel feedstock pretreatment technology using a counter-current, reactive-extraction process*

#### North American Biocarbon Conference

### Making Biocarbon Projects Bankable Through MRV and Risk Management

Magnolia Mezzanine 11/12 - Tuesday, March 31 (1:00 pm - 2:30 pm)

- Moderator: **Jenny R. Frank**, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Energy Resources Economics, SUNY-ESF Environmental Science & Forestry
  - **Varsha Ramesh Walsh**, CEO & Co-Founder, Offstream Streamlined, Verified, Bankable: The Turnkey Approach to Carbon Credits
  - **Malena Maraviglia**, Applications Engineer, ElectraTherm Inc.  
*Don't Get Burned by Your Heat Estimates: Reducing Commercial Risk and Strengthening Carbon Claims*
  - **Juergen Jesenko**, Managing Director, FLOYD BioEnergy  
*Generation Behind-the-Meter Biomass CHP: 24/7 Energy Independence, Biochar Production, and Monetized Carbon Credits*

### 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm

#### Refreshment Break

Magnolia Mezzanine lobby

### 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

#### Track 1: Pellets & Densified Biomass

### Feedstock Logistics as a Driver of Biomass Plant Performance

Magnolia Mezzanine 10 - Tuesday, March 31 (3:00 pm – 4:30 pm)

- Moderator: **Ken Upchurch**, Sales Manager, Dome Energy
  - **Kevin Tangen**, President, Azure Engineering  
*How to Get Your Ash Out, Case Study: Costa Rica Sugar Cane Field Trash Processing*
  - **Mike Curci**, VP Sales & Marketing, Americas Division, BRUKS SIWERTELL  
*Best Practices for Material Handling in the Biomass Industry with an emphasis on OPEX and Emissions*

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### 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm continued

#### Track 2: Biomass Power & Thermal

### From Technology Choice to Project Delivery in Biomass Power

Magnolia Mezzanine 9 - Tuesday, March 31 (3:00 pm – 4:30 pm)

- Moderator & Speaker: **Iliaria Peretti**, Senior Sales Manager, Turboden America LLC, a group company of MHI Turboden ORC Systems
- **Werner Botha**, Director, Bara Consultants  
*Waste-to-Energy: 45-MW Gasification Project and its Value to the Surrounding Community*
- **Neal Yancey**, BFNUF Operations Manager, Idaho National Laboratory  
*Converting Waste Wood to Power - Combustion to Syntfuel*
- **Michael Foggia**, Business Development/Marketing Manager, Process Combustion Corporation  
*Integrated Waste Heat Recovery and Advanced Heat Exchange for VOC and Syngas-to-Power Systems*

#### Track 3: Biogas & Renewable Natural Gas (RNG)

### Overcoming Contamination and Conversion Barriers in Biogas Systems

Magnolia Mezzanine 5/6 - Tuesday, March 31 (3:00 pm – 4:30 pm)

- Moderator: **Michael Fontaine**, Business Development Manager - Chemical, Pond & Company
- **Malek Mezni**, Business Development Manager North America, AB ENERGY USA LLC  
*Unlocking the Untapped RNG Potential of Wastewater Treatment Plants: Efficient Biogas Upgrading and Siloxane Management*
- **Stephen Lucas**, Application Engineer, Precision Partners  
*High-Temperature Ceramic Filtration for Reliable Syngas Cleanup in Biogas and RNG Production*

#### Track 4: Renewable Diesel & Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF)

### Managing Feedstock Risk in Sustainable Aviation Fuel and Renewable Fuels

Magnolia Mezzanine 2-4 - Tuesday, March 31 (3:00 pm – 4:30 pm)

- Moderator: **Timothy Hughes**, Project Director, CAAFI (Com'l Aviation Alt. Fuels Init)
- **Sherida German**, Director of Business Development, Ecostrat Inc.  
*Feedstock Supply Insurance: Turning Biomass Risk into Bankable Reliability*
- **Salvador Ramirez II**, Research Associate, USDA-ARS  
*Crop Management Matters—Feedstock Production Practices Drive Biofuel Sustainability*
- **Sofia Cabrera**, Price Reporter - Sustainable Aviation Fuel, S&P Global Commodity Insights  
*Feedstock Dynamics in the SAF and Renewable Diesel Markets*
- **Megan McCormick**, Director of Integrations, Bioleum Corporation  
*Mitigating Feedstock Risk in SAF: Policy, Compliance, and Market Realities*

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### Manufacturing and Densification Pathways for Biocarbon Products

Magnolia Mezzanine 11/12 - Tuesday, March 31 (3:00 pm – 4:30 pm)

- Moderator: **Jagannadh Satyavolu**, Founder & CEO, BioProducts, LLC
- **William Strauss**, President, FutureMetrics  
*A Deep Dive into Thermal Treatments of Biomass*
- **Ben Stark**, Sales Manager - Alternative Fuels, N.A., CPM Global Biomass Group  
*Biocarbon Densification Pellet Technology*
- **Guy Penard**, Vice President, Yilkins  
*Precise Carbonization*
- **Jonah Levine**, Director of Heating, Lignetics Group  
*Carbon Pellets from Ring Die and Powders from ACM — Technical Update*

### 4:40 pm - 6:00 pm

Grand Opening & Welcome Reception

Ryman Hall A1

### 4:45 pm - 5:05 pm

Innovation Stage Presentation

### One Tulip at a Time – Micro-Decarbonization in Action: From Concept to Community Power in 12 Months

Ryman Hall A1 - Tuesday, March 31 (4:45 pm - 5:05 pm)

- **Todd Hopwood**, Director of Business Development, Siemens Energy, Inc.

### 5:05 pm - 5:25 pm

Innovation Stage Presentation

### Truck Dump Innovation: Tipping the Scale on Cycle Time

Ryman Hall A1 - Tuesday, March 31 (5:05 pm - 5:25 pm)

- **John Gay**, Business Development Manager, FMW Industries

### 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

### Joint Evening Reception Co-Hosted with ABMA - Learn more about the Reception

Water's Edge (outside Expo Hall, Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convent Center)

## Wednesday, April 1

### 7:30 am - 8:30 am

Breakfast  
 Tennessee Ballroom Lobby A

### 8:30 am – 8:40 am

General Session

#### Welcome

Tennessee Ballroom CDE

- **John Nelson**, Chief Operating Officer, BBI International

### 8:40 am – 9:00 am

General Session

#### Award of Excellence, Groundbreaker of the Year and Women in Biomass

Tennessee Ballroom CDE

- **Anna Simet**, Director of Content and Senior Editor, BBI International

### 9:00 am – 9:25 am

General Session

#### Keynote Presentation

Tennessee Ballroom CDE

- **Rudi Roeslein**, Founder, Roeslein Alternative Energy

### 9:25 am – 10:30 am

General Session

#### Biochar & Biocarbon Roundtable Discussion and Q & A

Tennessee Ballroom CDE

- Moderator: **Myles Gray**, P.E., Executive Director, US Biochar Initiative
  - **John Teal**, VP Commercial, TSI and Board Chairman, International Biomass Torrefaction and Carbonization Council
  - **Andrew White**, CEO, CHAR Technologies
  - **Julie Mansfield**, Head of Business Development, Americas, Carbonfuture
  - **John-Paul Taylor**, Founding Partner, KindlePoint Partners
  - **Karl Strahl**, COO, Oregon Biochar Solutions
  - **Marc Ricker**, President of Special Projects, Stircor Services Inc.

### 10:30 am - 6:00 pm

Expo Open  
 Ryman Hall A1

### 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Refreshment Break in the Expo  
 Ryman Hall A1

### 11:00 am – Noon

Track 1: Pellets & Densified Biomass

#### Wood Pellet Industry Status Roundtable

Magnolia Mezzanine 10 - Wednesday, April 1 (11:00 am – Noon)

- **Tim Portz**, Executive Director, Pellet Fuels Institute
- **Darrell Smith**, President, Advanced Woody Biomass Alliance

Track 2: Biomass Power & Thermal

#### Biomass Heat/Power Industry Status Roundtable

Magnolia Mezzanine 9 - Wednesday, April 1 (11:00 am – Noon)

- **Carrie Annand**, Executive Director, American Biomass Energy Association

Track 3: Biogas & Renewable Natural Gas (RNG)

#### Biogas/RNG Industry Status Roundtable

Magnolia Mezzanine 5/6 - Wednesday, April 1 (11:00 am – Noon)

- **Patrick Serfass**, Executive Director, American Biogas Council

Track 4: Renewable Diesel & Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF)

#### Advanced Biofuels Industry Status Roundtable

Magnolia Mezzanine 2-4 - Wednesday, April 1 (11:00 am – Noon)

- **Kurt Kovarik**, VP of Federal Affairs, Clean Fuels Alliance America
- **J. Alan Weber**, Partner, MARC-IV Consulting

**Noon - 1:00 pm** Dedicated Expo Time  
 Ryman Hall A1

**Noon - 1:00 pm** Lunch in the Expo  
 Ryman Hall A1

### 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Track 1: Pellets & Densified Biomass

#### Beyond Pellets and Traditional Biomass Markets

Magnolia Mezzanine 10 - Wednesday, April 1 (1:00 pm - 2:30 pm)

- Moderator: **Marta Imarisio**, Senior Market Reporter, Argus Media Ltd
  - **Thomas Knoblinger**, Managing Director, Albert Knoblinger GmbH  
*Wood Pellets and Europe's Industrial Decarbonization – Opportunities for North American Producers*
  - **William Strauss**, President, FutureMetrics  
*Leveraging US Pellet Production to Fuel Modified US Coal Stations for Powering Data Centers*
  - **Maximilian Lehr**, Technology Manager, ANDRITZ  
*Unlocking the Potential of Agri Residues For (Advanced) Solid Biofuels*
  - **Nereo Rodriguez**, Sales Manager Biopolymer Technologies, Sulzer Chemtech Ltd  
*Diversifying the industry towards sustainability thanks to bioplastics*

## Wednesday, April 1 continued

### 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm continued

#### Track 2: Biomass Power & Thermal

### Building Bankable BECCS Projects at Scale

Magnolia Mezzanine 9 - Wednesday, April 1 (1:00 pm - 2:30 pm)

- Moderator: **Jessica Morrison**, VP, Strategic Partnerships & Growth, Golgix AI
  - **John Oyen**, Director of Business Development, ABB, Inc.  
*Strategic partnerships in BECCS*
  - **John Bullock**, Director of ClimateBright, Western US, Babcock & Wilcox  
*Oxy-Combustion as a Means of Reduced Mass-Based Emissions in BECCS Projects*
  - **Devin ter Braak**, Director of Technology, Bright Renewables  
*Carbon Capture on Biomass and RDF, Enabling Low-Carbon Heat and Power*
  - **Nick Evans**, CEO, Precision Partners  
*Ceramic Filtration Supporting Bioenergy Carbon Capture (BECC)*

#### Track 3: Biogas & Renewable Natural Gas (RNG)

### Data Driven Strategies for High Performance Biogas Systems

Magnolia Mezzanine 5/6 - Wednesday, April 1 (1:00 pm - 2:30 pm)

- Moderator: **Andrew Matson**, Project Manager, Azure Energy
  - Yebo Li, Chief Science and Innovation Officer, Quasar Energy Group  
*Artificial Intelligence-Enhanced Operation of Anaerobic Digesters to Improve Process Stability and Productivity*
  - Christopher Hill, Manager of Market Development, Kemira Water Solutions Inc.  
*Getting the most out of your biogas process with support from chemistry*
  - Erik Anderson, Senior Project Advisor, SCS Engineers  
*Hybridized reactor design for anaerobic digestion of waste biomass*

#### Track 4: Renewable Diesel & Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF)

### The Real-World Challenges of Scaling Sustainable Aviation Fuel

Magnolia Mezzanine 2-4 - Wednesday, April 1 (1:00 pm - 2:30 pm)

- Moderator: **Todd Hopwood**, Director of Business Development, Siemens Energy, Inc.
  - **Tom Jackson**, Vice President of Marketing & General Manager, The Greenbrier Companies, Inc.  
*Rail Transport: Renewable Diesel & Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF) by railroads*
  - **Scott Vanderau**, Partner, ETA Energy Transaction Advisors  
*Can Biomass Take Flight? Gasification and Aviation's Low-Carbon Transition*
  - **John Pierce**, Partner, Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP  
*The EU's CBAM Impacts on U.S. Sustainable Aviation Fuel Market and Transatlantic Aviation*

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### Biocarbon Standards, Markets and Applications

Magnolia Mezzanine 11/12 - Wednesday, April 1 (1:00 pm - 2:30 pm)

- Moderator: **Jason Shipley**, President/CEO, Midwest Custom Engineering
  - **Chris Wiberg**, Vice President of Biomass Energy Lab, Timber Products Inspection/Biomass Energy Laboratories  
*Biocarbon Standards Update*
  - **Irshad Khilji**, Senior Product Manager – Biocarbon Products, BioProducts, LLC  
*Biobased Carbon for Metals Industry to Improve ESG during Metals Production*
  - **Scott Laskowski**, President, OrganiLock, Inc.  
*Thermobiological Conversion and Densification of Lignocellulosic Biomass into Labile-Carbon Pellets for Soil Carbon Regeneration*
  - **Trip Jobe**, Vice President of Forest Value Chain Sales, Resource Wise  
*Carbon Market Potential*

### 2:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Refreshment Break in the Expo  
 Ryman Hall A1

### 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

#### Track 1: Pellets & Densified Biomass

### Overcoming Bottlenecks in Large-Scale Biomass Utilization

Magnolia Mezzanine 10 - Wednesday, April 1 (3:00 pm - 4:30 pm)

- Moderator: **Jason Shipley**, President/CEO, Midwest Custom Engineering
  - **Jowan Toor**, Vice President, KTC Industrial Engineering, Ltd.  
*Building Pellet Plant into Existing Industrial Facility*
  - **Yidong Xia**, Senior Research Scientist, Idaho National Laboratory  
*Are the U.S. Biorefineries Over the Hurdle of 2000 Ton Daily Throughput Yet?*
  - **Md Mashiur Rahman**, The Pennsylvania State University  
*Modeling and Optimization of Pelleting Processes: Biomass and Biochar Pellets for Energy and Agricultural Applications*
  - **Alex Kamath**, Chief Operating Officer, CVector Energy Corp.  
*From Tons to Dollars - How Real-Time Operational Economics Unlock the True Potential of Biomass at Scale*

#### Track 2: Biomass Power & Thermal

### Adapting Biomass Power for the Next Decade

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- Moderator: **Wedig Graf Grote**, VP Sales North America, STELA Drying Technology Corp.
  - **Robert Morrow**, Senior Technical Manager, Detroit Stoker Company  
*Technical Assessment - Coal to Wood Pellet Conversions for Grate Fired Industrial Boilers*
  - **Erik Lasher**, Senior Project Manager, Azure Engineering  
*P2P, Where the Heat is High and the Emissions are Low*
  - **Greg Blair**, Managing General Partner for Biomass One, LP, Biomass One LP (Parent)  
*Unlocking the Full Value of Biomass: Policy Solutions for Energy, Environment, and Economy*
  - **Andrew Thompson**, Co-Founder & Partner, Azure Energy  
*Build It Now or Lose It Forever, The Biomass Developer's 2026 IRA Strategy*

## Wednesday, April 1 continued

### 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm continued

#### Track 3: Biogas & Renewable Natural Gas (RNG)

### Real-World Applications of Advanced Anaerobic Digestion

Magnolia Mezzanine 5/6 - Wednesday, April 1 (3:00 pm - 4:30 pm)

- Moderator: **Michael Long**, Principal, Long Thermochemical LLC
- **Sameer Kshirsagar**, Product Manager, Komax Systems, Inc.  
*Komax Klean Wall Sludge/ Manure Heat Exchanger for Increased Biogas Production*
- **Matt Steiman**, Energy & Livestock Projects Manager, Dickinson College Farm  
*Case Study: Small Scale Biogas to Power*
- **Jorgen Gilbertson**, Sales Engineer, HoSt Bio-Energy Systems  
*HoSt Bioenergy – Case studies on co-digestion projects*

#### Track 4: Renewable Diesel & Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF)

### Market, Policy, and Pricing Forces Shaping RD and SAF

Magnolia Mezzanine 2-4 - Wednesday, April 1 (3:00 pm - 4:30 pm)

- Moderator: **Monte Shaw**, Executive Director, Iowa Renewable Fuels Association
- **Omar Hamid**, Group Manager - Low Carbon Fuels, Worley Consulting  
*Regulatory Drivers for SAF, RD and Marine Fuels from Biomass Feedstock*
- **Guadalupe Nuñez**, Price Reporter, S&P Global Commodity Insights  
*How Policy Design Shapes Renewable Diesel Pricing and Market Behavior*
- **Joel Dulin**, Owner, Jozana Grant Services  
*Policy and Incentives Shaping Biomass Investment Decisions in 2026*

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### Scaling Biochar From Pilot to Product

Magnolia Mezzanine 11/12 - Wednesday, April 1 (3:00 pm - 4:30 pm)

- Moderator: **Todd Havican**, Sales Director, Fagus GreCon, Inc.
- **Rachana Malviya**, Founder and CEO, Greenloop Clean Technology PLLC  
*Advancing Biochar Projects for Verified Carbon Credits*
- **Annie Nichols**, General Manager, Biochar, Mangrove Systems  
*Building Digital Data Infrastructure to Support Biochar Carbon Removal at Scale*

### 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Networking Reception in the Expo

Ryman Hall A1

### 4:40 pm - 5:00 pm

Innovation Stage Presentation

### STABLE TO LABILE: Converting Biomass Carbon Into Soil-Safe Carbon in 48 Hours

Ryman Hall A1 - Wednesday, April 1 (12:35 pm - 12:55 pm)

- **Scott Laskowski**, President, OrganiLock, Inc.

### 5:05 pm - 5:25 pm

Innovation Stage Presentation

### The Hidden Economics of Biomass Operations: How AI and Techno-Economic Modeling Unlock Profit in RNG Production

Ryman Hall A1 - Wednesday, April 1 (5:05 pm - 5:25 pm)

- **Tyler Ruggles**, Founder and CTO, CVector Energy Corp.

## Thursday, April 2

### 7:30 am - 8:30 am

Breakfast in Expo

Ryman Hall A1

### 7:30 am - 1:00 pm

Expo Open

Ryman Hall A1

### 8:30 am - 10:00 am

#### Track 1: Pellets & Densified Biomass

### Reducing Fire Risk and Improving Safety in Biomass Facilities

Magnolia Mezzanine 10 - Thursday, April 2 (8:30 am - 10:00 am)

- Moderator: **Chelsea Diehl**, Marketing, Premium Plant Services, Inc.
- **Tim Heneks**, CV Technology, Inc.  
*Beyond Explosions: Integrating Fire Hazards into Combustible Dust Hazard Analysis (DHA)*
- **Robert Baxter**, President, B3 Systems, Inc.  
*A Comprehensive Approach to Dust Monitoring and Management*
- **Todd Havican**, Sales Director, Fagus GreCon, Inc.  
*Emerging Technologies in Spark Detection and Extinguishing*

#### Track 2: Biomass Power & Thermal

### Upgrading and Optimizing Existing Biomass Power Assets

Magnolia Mezzanine 9 - Thursday, April 2 (8:30 am - 10:00 am)

- Moderator: **Michael Long**, Principal, Long Thermochemical LLC
- **Scott Becker**, Key Account Manager, CTS-Durr - Cyplan ORC  
*Combined heat and power generation up to 5 MW with ORC – a cost effective and flexible solution as an alternative to the steam cycle?*
- **Bharat Sangli**, VP, Triveni Turbines Americas Inc.  
*Improve efficiency of operating turbines*
- **T.K. Seetharaman**, Proposal Head - P&ES Division - SPP, Thermax Limited- P&ES  
*Small Scale Combined Heat and Power*
- **Steve Billett**, Director of Sales, RJM International  
*Improving Online Reliability for a Thermal Biomass Facility*

## Thursday, April 2 continued

### 8:30 am - 10:00 am continued

#### Track 3: Biogas & Renewable Natural Gas (RNG)

### Advancing Technologies for Waste and Biomass Utilization

Magnolia Mezzanine 5/6 - Thursday, April 2 (8:30 am - 10:00 am)

- Moderator: **David Palmer**, Vice President of Engineering, WastAway
  - **Steve Napolitan**, CEO, WastAway  
*Tap Into The Trillion Dollar Waste-to-Fuel Revolution*
  - **Roger Ford**, President, Eureka Energy Corporation  
*A New Paradigm for Waste Valorization: GPV-Enabled RNG and Co-Product Generation*
  - **Tim Tripp**, North American Sales Engineer, Tietjen Verfahrenstechnik GmbH  
*Better use of resources – Separation of Organic Waste: Reliable, Highest Purity, Easy and Cost-Effective*
  - **Jessica Morrison**, VP, Strategic Partnerships & Growth, Golgix AI  
*How AI-Driven Decision Intelligence Is Improving Yield, Energy Efficiency, and Carbon Intensity Across Biomass, RNG, and Emerging SAF Operations*

#### Track 4: Renewable Diesel & Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF)

### Reducing Market, Pricing, and Financing Risk in SAF

Magnolia Mezzanine 2-4 - Thursday, April 2 (8:30 am - 10:00 am)

- Moderator: **Gord Crawford**, President & CEO, Expander Energy, Inc.
  - **Timothy Hughes**, Project Director, CAAFI (Com'l Aviation Alt. Fuels Init)  
*The Promise, Progress & Potential for Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF)*
  - **Sofia Cabrera**, Price Reporter - Sustainable Aviation Fuel, S&P Global Commodity Insights  
*Decoding SAF Pricing: The Impact of Regulatory Frameworks on Market Dynamics*
  - **Mark J. Riedy**, Partner, Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP  
*State of the Art Funding and Offtake Structures For SAF Projects*
  - **Kristine Klavers**, Managing Director, EcoEngineers  
*Monetize your biomass to SAF investment*

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### Turning Biomass Residues Into Power, Heat, and Carbon Products

Magnolia Mezzanine 11/12 - Thursday, April 2 (8:30 am - 10:00 am)

- Moderator: **Ilaria Peretti**, Senior Sales Manager, Turboden America LLC, a group company of MHI
  - **Azadeh Rohani**, Senior Consultant, Worley Consulting  
*Opportunities to Valorize Biomass for Renewable Energy Production*
  - **Beau Kush**, Senior Project Manager, Azure Engineering  
*A Little R&R, Residue to Revenue*
  - **Michael Jones**, Chief Technology Officer, IAC  
*Co-Production of Biochar and Power: A Whole-System Advantage Beyond the Sum of Its Parts*

### 8:30 am - 10:00 am

#### Innovation Stage Presentation

### Pitch Day Session 1

Ryman Hall A1 - Thursday, April 2 (8:30 am - 10:00 am)

### 10:00 am - 10:30 am

#### Refreshment Break in the Expo

Ryman Hall A1

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### 10:30 am - Noon

#### Track 1: Pellets & Densified Biomass

### Controlling Emissions and Gas Quality in Biomass Facilities

Magnolia Mezzanine 10 - Thursday, April 2 (10:30 am - Noon)

- Moderator: **Andrew Thompson**, Co-Founder & Partner, Azure Energy
  - **John Bonner**, Strategic Account Manager, Precision Partners  
*Biomass Emissions Control Utilizing Catalytic Ceramic Filters*
  - **Steve Jaasund**, Senior Product Manager, ANDRITZ Clean Air Technologies  
*Air Emission Controls in the Biomass Energy Industry*
  - **Yves Marc Schade**, Sales North America, stela Laxhuber drying technologies GmbH  
*Emissions at high efficiency low temperature belt dryers*

#### Track 2: Biomass Power & Thermal

### De-Risking Biomass Power Projects

Magnolia Mezzanine 9 - Thursday, April 2 (10:30 am - Noon)

- Moderator & Speaker: **Will Latta**, Vice President, BrightLoop, Babcock & Wilcox  
*Advanced Technologies for Energy Production From Solid Fuels With CO2 Capture*
- **Jeff Rodefeld**, Business Development Manager US., DeNOx Environment  
*Effective SCR Catalyst Management In Biomass*
- **Chris Sampson**, Director of Logistics and Technology, Garick, LLC  
*Have Your Systems Talk to Each Other: How Automation and AI Agents Can Unify Your ERP, Sourcing, and Logistics Systems*
- **Ryan Smith**, Vice President of Development, Azure Energy  
*Don't Let the Risk Hit the Fan, an Evaluation of Risk in the Biomass Power Industry*

#### Track 3: Biogas & Renewable Natural Gas (RNG)

### Turning Biogas and RNG Projects Into Financeable Assets

Magnolia Mezzanine 5/6 - Thursday, April 2 (10:30 am - Noon)

- Moderator: **David Palmer**, Vice President of Engineering, WastAway
  - **Faith Larson**, Vice President, Mickelson & Company, LLC  
*Monetization of Renewable Energy Tax Credits*
  - **Scott Vanderau**, Partner, ETA Energy Transaction Advisors  
*Decarbonization Logistics: Architecting the Supply Chain and Finance Structure for High-Integrity Bioeconomy Assets*
  - **Ernie Pollitzer**, Owner, Clean Energy Consultants  
*Alternative Markets for RNG*

#### Track 4: Renewable Diesel & Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF)

### Federal Tax Policy Trends Shaping the Future of Bioenergy

Magnolia Mezzanine 2-4 - Thursday, April 2 (10:30 am - Noon)

- Moderator: **Timothy Urban**, Senior Principal, Bracewell LLP
  - **Brandon Audap**, Principal, Monument Strategies
  - **Jenny Speck**, Partner, Vinson & Elkins
  - **Kurt Kovarik**, VP of Federal Affairs, Clean Fuels Alliance America
  - **Geoff Dietz**, Senior Director of Federal Government Affairs, RNG Coalition

## Thursday, April 2 continued

### 10:30 am - Noon continued

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### Strategic Feedstock Selection for Biomass and Carbon Projects

Magnolia Mezzanine 11/12 - Thursday, April 2 (10:30 am - Noon)

- Moderator: **Christiana Darlington**, Counsel, Placer County Air Pollution Control District
- **Varsha Ramesh Walsh**, CEO & Co-founder, Offstream  
*From Harvest to Hopper: Why Feedstock Eligibility Determines Biomass Carbon Removal Revenue*
- **Yingqian Lin**, Research Scientist, Idaho National Laboratory  
*Strategic Feedstock Selection: Risk-Based Cost Analysis for Coal-Biomass-Waste Co-Gasification*
- **Michael Long**, Principal, Long Thermochemical LLC  
*Perspectives in Bioresource Valorization – Pathways, Insights, and Pitfalls*
- **Alex Henson**, Account Manager, SGS Beta  
*Carbon-14 Analysis For Third-Party Verification of Biogenic Content: An Overview For Co-Processing Plants*

### 10:30 am - Noon

#### Innovation Stage Presentation

### Pitch Day Session 2

Ryman Hall A1 - Thursday, April 2 (10:30 am - Noon)

### Noon - 1:00 pm

Lunch in the Expo

Ryman Hall A1

### 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

#### Track 1: Pellets & Densified Biomass

### Smarter Equipment Choices for Pellet Producers

Magnolia Mezzanine 10 - Thursday, April 2 (1:00 pm - 2:30 pm)

- Moderator: **Jason Kessler**, President, KESCO, Inc.
- **Forcus Martinez**, Sales Manager, PRODESA Group  
*Choosing the right pellet mill. An opex analysis for white and black pellets*
- **Timo Mueller**, Business Development Director, SALMATEC GmbH  
*Rethinking Containerized Pelleting: The Compact Pelleting Unit*
- **Ilaria Peretti**, Senior Sales Manager, Turboden America LLC, a group company of MHI  
*Turboden ORC Modules: Boosting Energy Efficiency in Pellet Production Plants*

#### Track 2: Biomass Power & Thermal

### How Emissions Regulations Are Reshaping Biomass Boilers

Magnolia Mezzanine 9 - Thursday, April 2 (1:00 pm - 2:30 pm)

- Moderator: **Malek Mezni**, Business Development Manager North America, AB ENERGY USA LLC
- **Thomas Young**, Managing Consultant, Trinity Consultants  
*Air Pollution Controls and Regulatory Changes Affecting the Future of Biomass Boilers*
- **Cameron Kiani**, Application Engineering Manager, Precision Partners  
*Maximizing Biomass Boiler Performance Through High-Temperature Catalytic Ceramic Filtration*

#### Track 4: Renewable Diesel & Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF)

### Why Biomass Projects Fail Before Conversion Begins

Magnolia Mezzanine 2-4 - Thursday, April 2 (1:00 pm - 2:30 pm)

- Moderator: **Trip Jobe**, Vice President of Forest Value Chain Sales, ResourceWise
- **Jayant Khambekar**, Senior Consultant, Jenike & Johanson, Inc.  
*Reliable Gasifier Reactor Performance Requires Reliable Infeed*
- **Derek Vaile**, Applications Engineer, Kamengo Technology, Inc.  
*Handling Low Density Feedstocks for SAF Production: The Three Root Causes of Poor Material Discharge*
- **John Oyen**, Director of Business Development, ABB, Inc.  
*Mission Impossible?- FOAK SAF and RD projects*
- **Yidong Xia**, Senior Research Scientist, Idaho National Laboratory  
*Is AI Ready for Bioenergy Industry?*

#### North American Biocarbon Conference

### Integrated Biochar Production Using Pyrolysis and Gasification

Magnolia Mezzanine 11/12 - Thursday, April 2 (1:00 pm - 2:30 pm)

- Moderator: **Jagannadh Satyavolu**, Founder & CEO, BioProducts, LLC
- **Lokendra Pal**, EJ Woody Rice Professor, North Carolina State University  
*Carbon-Negative Upcycling of Non-Recycled MSW Paper Fractions into Biochar via Slow Pyrolysis: Feedstock Effects and Life Cycle Carbon Removal*
- **Albert Ratner**, Professor, The University of Iowa  
*Biochar Production Through Downdraft Gasification*
- **Roger Smullen**, CEO, Earth Foundries  
*Slash Attack®: Mobile Pyrolysis for Wildfire Risk Reduction and Carbon Value Creation*

### 2:30 pm

Sessions Conclude

### 2:30 pm - 7:30 pm

#### Industry Tour

WastAway Plant & Headquarters

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North American  
Renewable Natural  
Gas Map

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