



## North Dakotans Use More, Spend Less on Electricity

The North Dakota State University Extension Service is encouraging North Dakotans to look at ways to reduce their energy consumption. According to the Energy Information Administration, North Dakotans use more energy than consumers in neighboring states, but also pay some of the lowest electricity rates in the nation. Installing proper insulation and purchasing energy efficient appliances and electronics can help reduce utility costs. [Read the Forum story.](#)



## Diesel Production to Expand at Tesoro Refinery

Tesoro Corp. is planning to increase diesel fuel production at their Mandan refinery to 22,000 barrels per day by the end of 2013. The expansion plans are in response to growing regional demand for diesel fuel. Company officials say that all necessary permits have been granted for the \$35 million project. The ND Petroleum Marketers Association says that statewide diesel usage increased by 20 million gallons from October 2010 to October 2011. [Read the Bismarck Tribune story.](#)



## Dalrymple Lays Out Infrastructure Spending for Oil Patch

At a press conference this week, Governor Jack Dalrymple described current and future funding plans to address infrastructure needs in the state's oil patch. Through the end of October, the state has committed \$332 million for infrastructure, water development and housing projects. Dalrymple said the state plans to invest an additional \$885.3 million to address other infrastructure needs in the oil patch. State officials are also planning a "road tour" in the oil patch to assess local concerns and needs. [Read the Bismarck Tribune story.](#)



## EPA Classification Sought for Energy Beets

Representatives of the energy beet industry are petitioning the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for energy beets to be classified as an advanced biofuel. While both sugarbeets and sugarcane were classified as advanced biofuel feedstocks in 2008, the Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS2) adopted in 2009 did not include sugarbeets as an advanced biofuel feedstock. If approved, ethanol produced from energy beets would be receive more federal incentives and would be more attractive in markets seeking low carbon biofuels. [Read the Farm and Ranch Guide story.](#)



## Enbridge to Expand Capacity

Enbridge Energy Partners LP has announced plans to expand the capacity by 80,000 barrels per day at their Berthold terminal. The company also plans to build a rail car loading facility as part of the \$145 million project. [Read the Minot Daily News story.](#)



## Calendar of Events

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|---------------|--|-----------------|
| January 11-13 | <a href="#">Midwest Energy Solutions Conference</a>  | Chicago, IL     |
| January 24-26 | <a href="#">2012 Energy Generation Conference</a>    | Bismarck        |
| May 22-24     | <a href="#">Williston Basin Petroleum Conference</a> | Bismarck        |
| June 4-7      | <a href="#">Fuel Ethanol Workshop</a>                | Minneapolis, MN |
| July 24       | WEST! Event  | Williston       |



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