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In the July edition of Mintz Levin’s *Energy and Clean Tech Connections*, we’ve gathered recent information from a wide variety of sources in an effort to keep you abreast of what’s new in the world of clean energy. We draw your attention to the latest industry developments, news from Beacon Hill to Capitol Hill, grant opportunities, and upcoming events.

On June 26, the House of Representatives passed the American Clean Energy and Security Act. The [bill](#), which was passed by a seven-vote margin, includes diverse measures, from a national RPS to a carbon cap-and-trade system for emissions allowances, to a mandate that FERC create national rules to guide all ongoing and future regional transmission planning projects.

Greentech Media and Mintz Levin will be hosting a [webinar](#) this Wednesday, July 22 entitled “Cash Grants in Lieu of Tax Credits: A Financing Opportunity for Renewable Energy.” Mintz Levin attorneys Travis Blais and Sahir Surmeli will discuss the recent guidance issued by the Treasury Department on eligibility, as well as how to apply for these grants. Register [here](#) or see our [alert](#) on the same topic.

On Tuesday, July 21, Mintz Levin attorney Richard A. Kanoff, of counsel in the Energy and Clean Technology practice, will chair the New England Clean Energy Council’s (NECEC) [Panel on Project Development](#), and will speak to 25 NECEC fellows on project

development strategies, opportunities, and legal challenges.

We hope that you enjoy this month's edition of the newsletter.

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TransAlta Makes Hostile \$589 Million Takeover Bid for Canadian Hydro Developers

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Terra-Gen Closes U.S. \$140 Million Pre-Construction Wind Financing

*Renewable Energy World* – July 21, 2009

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Clean Tech VC Investments on the Rise

*Mass High Tech* – July 2, 2009

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Suntech Secures \$50 Million Loan with IFC

*Cleantech Group* – June 30, 2009

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Synthetic Genomics Gets \$300 Million from ExxonMobil for Algae-Based Biofuel Development

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Boom Time Ahead for U.S. Solar Manufacturing, Says Analyst

*Greentech Media* – July 14, 2009

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Daimler Sells 40% of Its Stake in Tesla to Aabar Investments

*Greentech Media* – July 13, 2009

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SolFocus Closes Series C Funding Round at \$77.6 Million

*Clean Edge* – July 10, 2009

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Construction Set for 2010 on Biggest Desal Plant in West

*Cleantech Group* – July 13, 2009

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For America, Energy Efficiency Equals Jobs

*Greentech Media* – July 7, 2009

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First Biodiesel Pipeline Starts Operations

*The New York Times* – July 2, 2009

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*Renewable Energy World* – June 30, 2009

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Reversing Bush, Obama Allows California's Greenhouse Gas Rules To Take Effect

*The Mercury News* – June 30, 2009

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Wells Fargo Plans for \$100 Million Solar Financing

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Magma Energy Heats Up Geothermal with \$87 Million IPO

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First Offshore Wind for Germany

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U.K. Announces Long-Term Carbon Reduction and Renewables Strategies

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Acciona-Mitsubishi to Plough \$2.8 Billion into Renewables

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EU Drives Boom in Carbon Trading in First Half of '09

*Cleantech Group* – July 10, 2009

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Solyndra Scores \$238 Million Deal with German Solar Integrator

*Cleantech Group* – July 8, 2009

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European Renewable Grid Initiative Launched

*Renewable Energy World* – July 7, 2009

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WHEB Ventures Holds Latest Closing on Cleantech Fund, Expands German Operations

*New Energy World Network* – July 6, 2009

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Enecsys Aims To Launch First Product Within Two Years Following Series A

*Business Weekly* – July 1, 2009

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9REN Group's Spanish Solar Photovoltaic Project Closes €100

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## Million in Financing

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## U.K. Government Announces £150 Million Cornerstone Investment for Life Sciences, Cleantech Investment Fund

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## BP Shuts Alternative Energy HQ

*The Guardian* – June 29, 2009

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## The Scottish Government Passes Its Most Aggressive Climate Change Legislation to Date

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## U.K. Government Says 25GW of Extra Offshore Wind Power up for Grabs

*Renewable Energy World* – June 25, 2009

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## Government Financial Assistance

### Grants

Recovery Act – Wind Energy Consortia Between Institutions of Higher Learning and Industry

**Application Deadline:** July 29, 2009

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Recovery Act – Solar Market Transformation

**Application Deadline:** July 30, 2009

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Enhanced Geothermal Systems Demonstration

**Application Deadline:** July 30, 2009

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Recovery Act – High Penetration Solar Deployment

**Application Deadline:** July 30, 2009

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Recovery Act – Site Characterization of Promising Geological Formations for CO<sub>2</sub> Storage

**Application Deadline:** August 3, 2009

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Combined Heat and Power Systems Technology Development Demonstration

**Application Deadline:** August 4, 2009

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Recovery Act – Geothermal Technologies Program: GroundSource Heat Pumps

**Application Deadline:** August 6, 2009

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Recovery Act – Smart Grid Investment Grant Program

**Application Deadline:** August 6, 2009

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Recovery Act – Carbon Capture and Sequestration from

Industrial Sources and Innovative Concepts for Beneficial CO2  
Use

**Application Deadline:** August 7, 2009

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Recovery Act – Solid-State Lighting Core – Round VI

**Application Deadline:** August 10, 2009

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Recovery Act – Solid-State Lighting Product Development –  
Round VI

**Application Deadline:** August 17, 2009

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Recovery Act – Advanced Energy Efficient Building  
Technologies

**Application Deadline:** August 18, 2009

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Recovery Act – Hydroelectric Facility Modernization

**Application Deadline:** August 20, 2009

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Recovery Act – Clean Coal Power Initiative – Round 3

**Application Deadline:** August 24, 2009

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Recovery Act – Building America Energy Efficient Housing  
Partnerships

**Application Deadline:** August 24, 2009

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Recovery Act – Solid-State Lighting U.S. Manufacturing –  
Round 1

**Application Deadline:** August 24, 2009

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Recovery Act – Smart Grid Demonstrations

**Application Deadline:** August 26, 2009

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Recovery Act – Training Program Development for  
Commercial Building Equipment Technicians, Building  
Operators, and Energy Commissioning Agents/Auditors

**Application Deadline:** September 1, 2009

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Recovery Act – Systems Level Technology Development,  
Integration, and Demonstration for Efficient Class 8 Trucks  
(SuperTruck) and Advanced Technology Powertrains for  
Light-Duty Vehicles (ATP-LD)

**Application Deadline:** September 9, 2009

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Solar America Cities – Technical Outreach

**Application Deadline:** October 15, 2009

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Massachusetts Technology Collaborative Sustainable Energy  
Economic Development (SEED)

**Application Deadline:** Rolling

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Massachusetts Technology Collaborative Business Expansion Initiative (BEI)

**Application Deadline:** Rolling

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Massachusetts Technology Collaborative Large Onsite Renewables Initiative

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Massachusetts Green Energy Fund

**Application Deadline:** Rolling

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Unsolicited Proposals to the Massachusetts Renewable Energy Trust's Industry Investment and Development (II&D) Program

**Application Deadline:** Rolling

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Focus on Energy Renewable Energy Incentives & Grants

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#### **Tax Incentives and Rebates**

Federal Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery System

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Federal Business Investment Tax Credit

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Federal Renewable Power Production Tax Credit

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Federal Tax Credits for Home Builders

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Federal Tax Deductions for Commercial Buildings

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Self-Generation Incentive Program

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California Property Tax Exclusion for Solar Energy Systems

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Massachusetts Alternative Energy and Energy Conservation  
Patent Deduction (Personal and Corporate)

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Massachusetts Hydropower-Property Tax Exemption

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Massachusetts Local Property Tax Exemption

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Massachusetts Corporate Income Tax Deduction

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Massachusetts Technology Collaborative Commonwealth  
Wind Incentive Program: Micro Wind

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Massachusetts Technology Collaborative Commonwealth  
Wind Incentive Program: Community-Scale Wind

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Massachusetts Commonwealth Solar

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### **Privately Sourced Financial Grants**

The Energy Foundation Grants

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The Renewable Fuels Foundation Grants for Ethanol  
Production

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The Carbon Trust

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### **Federal and State Happenings**

DOE Announces Recovery Act Funding of up to \$85 Million  
for Algal and Advanced Biofuels

Press Release, U.S. Department of Energy – July 16, 2009

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DOE Announces Nearly \$14 Million To Go to 28 New Wind  
Energy Projects

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DOE Announces up to \$52.5 Million for Concentrating Solar  
Power Research and Development

Press Release, U.S. Department of Energy – July 15, 2009

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Secretary Chu Announces Nearly \$300 Million Rebate

Program to Encourage Purchases of Energy Efficient Appliances

Press Release, U.S. Department of Energy – July 14, 2009

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U.S. Treasury Issues ITC Grant Guidance, More Stimulus Money To Flow to Renewables

*Renewable Energy World* – July 10, 2009

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Treasury, Energy Announce More Than \$3 Billion in Recovery Act Funds for Renewable Energy Projects

*Clean Edge* – July 13, 2009

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USDA Small Wind Grants Cover 25% of Costs

*Renewable Energy World* – July 9, 2009

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Cal Senate Committee Proposes Net Metering Compromise

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California's Attorney General Says Feed-In Tariffs Legal in U.S.

*Renewable Energy World* – July 6, 2009

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Obama Administration Offers \$59 Million in Conditional Loan Guarantees to Beacon Power and Nordic Windpower, Inc.

Press Release, U.S. Department of Energy – July 2, 2009

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Massachusetts Proposes Master Plan for Ocean Energy  
Development

*Greentech Media* – July 1, 2009

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DOE Launches New Energy Efficiency Efforts, Announces  
Lighting Standards

*Clean Edge* – July 1, 2009

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House Passes Climate Bill Including National RPS

*Renewable Energy World* – June 29, 2009

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DOE Issues Rules for \$3.9 Billion in Smart Grid Stimulus  
Grants

*Greentech Media* – June 25, 2009

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U.S. Department of Labor Announces U.S. \$500 Million for  
Green Job Training

*Renewable Energy World* – June 25, 2009

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Obama Administration Awards First Three Auto Loans for  
Advanced Technologies to Ford Motor Company, Nissan  
Motors and Tesla Motors

Press Release, U.S. Department of Energy – June 23, 2009

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## Legal News

“Grants in Lieu of Tax Credits” – New Guidance on Eligibility and How to Apply

Energy and Clean Technology Alert, Mintz Levin – July 16, 2009

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Smart Grid Investment Grant Program Deadlines Looming

Energy and Clean Technology Alert, Mintz Levin – July 15, 2009

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SEC Approves Amendment to Stock Exchange Rule To Eliminate Broker Discretionary Voting in Director Elections

Securities Law Alert, Mintz Levin – July 15, 2009

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States Define the Future of Renewable Electricity Use

Energy and Clean Technology Alert, Mintz Levin – July 7, 2009

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Massachusetts Finalizes Renewable and Alternative Energy Regulations

Energy and Clean Technology Alert, Mintz Levin – June 30, 2009

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Stephen Gulotta Named Managing Member of Mintz Levin’s New York Office

Press Release, Mintz Levin – June 30, 2009

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Former Yahoo! Inc. In-House Counsel Michele Floyd Joins

Mintz Levin's Palo Alto Office

Press Release, Mintz Levin – June 29, 2009

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Smart Grid Stimulus Dollars May Start Flowing Soon

Energy and Clean Technology Alert, Mintz Levin – June 26, 2009

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IRS Provides Guidance on Electing Investment Tax Credit in Lieu of Production Tax Credit

Energy and Clean Technology Advisory, Mintz Levin – June 19, 2009

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## Events

### August

Greentech Connect Forum

August 3-4, 2009  
Pasadena Convention Center  
Pasadena, California

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An Introduction to Renewables

*The Essentials of Clean Energy Resources, Technologies & Markets*

August 11-12, 2009  
London, United Kingdom

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An Introduction to Solar Technology Markets

*A 2-Day Comprehensive Overview of Solar Energy & Power*

August 13-14, 2009

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*American Renewable Energy Day*

August 20-22, 2009  
Aspen Meadows Doerr-Hosier Conference Center  
Aspen, Colorado

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**September**

Cleantech Forum XXIII

September 8-10, 2009  
Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel  
Boston, Massachusetts

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Solar Economics Forum USA

*The Meeting Place for U.S. Solar Policy and Business*

September 9-10, 2009  
Ronald Reagan Building  
Washington, D.C.

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Sustainability Stakeholder Engagement

September 14-15, 2009  
Doubletree Metropolitan Hotel  
New York, New York

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Going Green

September 14-16, 2009  
Cavallo Point  
San Francisco, California

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### The 4th Annual Renewable Energy Finance & Investment Summit

September 14-16, 2009  
Doral Resort and Spa  
Miami, Florida

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### 3rd U.S. Carbon Finance Forum

September 15-16, 2009  
The Metropolitan Club  
New York, New York

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### Solar Convention Las Vegas 2009

September 15-17, 2009  
Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, North Hall  
Las Vegas, Nevada

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### 11th Renewable Energy Finance Forum London

September 21-22, 2009  
Millennium Gloucester  
London, United Kingdom

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### Carbon Markets USA

*Seize the Business Opportunities in the Budding U.S. Carbon Market*

September 21-22, 2009  
Ronald Reagan Building  
Washington, D.C.

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### 24th European Photovoltaic Solar Energy Conference &

## Exhibition

September 21-25, 2009  
CCH – Congress Center and International Fair  
Hamburg, Germany

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## GridWeek 2009

September 22-25, 2009  
Ronald Reagan Building  
Washington, D.C.

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## Next Generation Biofuels Markets

*Developing Emerging Feedstocks, Commercial Strategies & Advancements in Conversion Technologies*

September 28-30, 2009  
Amsterdam, The Netherlands

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## 2nd Renewable Energy Finance Forum West

September 29-30, 2009  
The Palace  
San Francisco, California

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## October

### Biogas USA

*Scaling up Biogas Production in North America*

October 1-2, 2009  
San Francisco, California

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## Voluntary Carbon Markets

October 12-13, 2009

London, United Kingdom

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*The Essentials of Clean Energy Resources, Technologies & Markets*

October 12-13, 2009  
London, United Kingdom

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EnviroTech '09

*5th International Exhibition on Environment, Water & Green Building Technologies*

October 22-25, 2009  
Athens, Greece

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Solar Power International 09

October 27-29, 2009  
Anaheim, California

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