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Ensuring sustainability is key for biofuels policy

The REA, the trade association that represents the UK's transport biofuels industry, welcomes the study of the economic and environmental impacts of biofuel production proposed by Transport Secretary Ruth Kelly today.

"The REA has always supported the production of sustainable biofuels and has worked over several years, alongside Government, NGOs, academics and many others, to move towards a biofuels industry that operates under agreed environmental and social sustainability criteria. The proposed study by the Renewable Fuels Agency is an important step in clarifying sustainability,"

said Clare Wenner, Head of Transport Biofuels for the REA.

"The EU 10% target is important in ensuring transport biofuels deliver their share of greenhouse gas savings, but it is essential that they are produced sustainably and bring benefits to all levels of society in developing and developed countries alike."

"The UK continues to lead the way in developing sustainability criteria. By taking this initiative we can demonstrate that unsustainable biofuel production is unacceptable"

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Notes to editors

1. The Renewable Energy Association represents the renewable energy industry with over 500 members in renewable electricity, heat and transport fuels and is the leading UK body representing biofuels
2. The Announcement by Ruth Kelly can be viewed here: <http://www.gnn.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=354445&NewsAreaID=2>