

Biomass Power Association Commends EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt for Biomass Carbon Neutrality Policy Statement

April 23, 2018 – Biomass Power Association today thanked U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt for issuing a policy statement detailing the Trump Administration's treatment of biomass as a carbon neutral source of energy.

"We are greatly pleased at Administrator Pruitt's announcement that the EPA will treat biomass power as carbon neutral," said Carrie Annand, executive director of Biomass Power Association. "Despite the abundant scientific evidence of the carbon benefits of using biomass fuel to generate power, our industry has experienced regulatory uncertainty for several years. In recognizing the carbon benefits of biomass and its role in healthy forest management, the federal government joins every state with a Renewable Portfolio Standard, as well as many foreign governments that use biomass to reduce carbon emissions. We thank the Administrator and EPA staffers for their work on this important issue."

To see the full EPA policy statement, please visit the **EPA website**.

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The <u>Biomass Power Association (BPA)</u> is a non-profit trade association, dedicated to the promotion and advocacy of energy from organic material. Our 40 members operate in 22 states, supplying more than 1 GW of renewable power and representing well over half the operating biomass power plant fleet across the country. Based in Portland, Maine with offices in Washington, DC, we represent the industry before Congress, various federal agencies, and before state legislatures, agencies and non-governmental organizations. BPA provides science and market-based analyses of a wide range of issues, from federal and state renewable policies to carbon emission accounting.