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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Erie Fire Department Tour of Plant ..... May 24th - June 4th
- Algae to Fuel Forum ..... June 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Biomass-to-Energy Workshop - Gannon ..... June 18<sup>th</sup>
- ASTM Meeting, Kansas City, MO ..... June 27<sup>th</sup> - July 1<sup>st</sup>
- PPMCSA Summer Conference ..... July 19<sup>th</sup> - July 20<sup>th</sup>
- Gannon’s “Upward Bound Camp” Tour of Plant ..... July 28<sup>th</sup>

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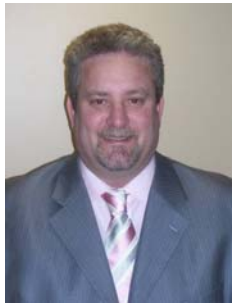
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**Executive Message**

**Welcome to the first HERO BX Newsletter!**

Each month you will receive a newsletter that highlights significant happenings for HERO BX located in Erie, Pennsylvania. HERO BX is a company vested in the City of Erie and as such we want to reach out to our customers, vendors, representatives and community relaying our mission and how we can best serve you.



**Michael Noble  
 President-HERO BX**

HERO BX is one of Americas leading manufacturers of Biodiesel and has been serving the worlds thirst for cleaner fuels since 2007. HERO BX prides itself in producing the best quality biodiesel which burns cleaner and emits fewer emissions than fossil fuels. HERO BX is also a technology company, with scientific expertise in biodiesel refining. Always with an eye on the future, HERO BX continues its plan to evolve and continue to be involved – with the community, employee and process safety, and the environment.

**HERO BX Plant**

Lake Erie Biofuels, LLC d/b/a HERO BX is engaged in the production and marketing of biodiesel that is produced at the Company’s facility in Erie, Pennsylvania.



The Company’s facility features a continuous flow Transesterification system that became operational in November of 2007 on Soybean oil followed by a haze removal filtration system, fatty acid stripper and pretreatment facility that became operational in March 2008, allowing HERO BX to use multiple feedstocks as economics and quality specifications dictate.

HERO BX has achieved BQ-9000 accreditation as both a Producer and Marketer from the National Biodiesel Accreditation Commission. To receive this accreditation, the Company passed a rigorous review and inspection of its quality control processes by an independent auditor. Additionally, HERO BX has an on-site laboratory to ensure strict adherence to ASTM D6751 and EN 14214 quality specifications.

The plant’s location on the shore of Lake Erie provides excellent access to road, rail and sea transportation. It is located within 500 miles of many of the major diesel and heating oil markets in the Northeastern United States and Canada.

## A Visit by Attorney General Tom Corbett

### Tom Corbett chose Erie to announce his energy policy

Tom Corbett, the current Attorney General who is running for Governor, came to HERO BX in Erie, PA on Friday, April 30th to present his Energy Plan. Corbett stated at the press conference, which occurred at the SB3 building after his tour of the HERO BX facility, that HERO BX is "something Erie and northwestern Pennsylvania can really be proud of." "It's a great example of what is working," the attorney general said during his campaign stop. "Our biodiesel industry is providing both new fuel and new refining capacity to the commonwealth's energy infrastructure."

Corbett's Energy Plan has five core areas:

- Refocusing DEP – Getting Back to Basics
- Cultivating Pennsylvania's Natural Gas and Coal Resources
- Growing Our Energy Infrastructure
- Transitioning to Competitive Markets
- Encouraging Renewable, Alternative & Clean Energy in Pennsylvania



## HERO BX Receives US Export Achievement Award

### Erie's biodiesel plant is being recognized for its excellence in export.

The Export Achievement Award recognizes U.S. companies that have either made their first export sale or expanded their sales into overseas markets with the assistance from the U.S. Commercial Service as a global player in the biodiesel marketplace.

Congresswoman Kathy Dahlkemper presented officials from HERO BX on Monday, May 3rd with the U.S. Department of Commerce's Export Achievement Certificate. Kathy Dahlkemper, US Congresswoman from the 3rd District stated, "Through exporting, small and medium-sized firms like HERO BX can maximize their ability to build their businesses... HERO BX serves as an example of what can be done by a small U.S. company with the right drive and assistance. I hope that other small businesses in Western Pennsylvania will follow their lead and will take advantage of the resources available to them through the U.S. Department of Commerce."

Lyn Doverspike, Director of the US Commercial Service in Pittsburgh also commented stating, "Companies like HERO BX are doing exactly what the Administration wants to see and serves as a great example of how companies can take advantage of the resources available to them to expand their export sales."

## 5th Grade Tour of HERO BX

### Vernondale Elementary School 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Tour

On Tuesday, May 4th the Vernondale 5<sup>th</sup> grade had a tour of the HERO BX plant in lieu of the school's science fair.

The purpose of this tour was to educate the 5<sup>th</sup> graders on the increasing importance of the renewable energy industry and its significance to the future of our regional and national economies. HERO BX offered an unprecedented opportunity for these children to see first hand one of North America's largest biodiesel producers.



## Legislative Updates

### FEDERAL

Congress has in its hands HR 4213 *The American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act of 2010*. There is strong suggestion that this "Tax Extenders" package may be discussed on the House floor prior to Memorial Day's Congressional Recess. Within HR 4213 section 202 is the reinstatement for the remainder of 2010 with retroactive measures to December 31, 2009 the *expired Biodiesel Blenders Tax Credit Incentive*. HR 4213 must first pass the House, then the Senate, before the President can sign HR 4213 into law. It is HERO BX's hope that prior to July's newsletter this Legislative process will have been completed!

### STATE

HERO BX now and always has supported BIOHEAT®. **HERO BX Supports:**

- 5% in heating oil  
HERO BX currently supports the listed 5% blend level because up to 5% blend level has already been approved by the NBB, NORA and is included in the current ASTM D396 standard.
- Heating Oil above 5%  
HERO BX will support an initial change above 5% and any incremental blend level increase when the wording in a bill reflects the following:
  - The proposed blend percentage is approved by the NBB, NORA and is approved into an amended ASTM D396.
  - At least a one year increment from the prior approved blend level has lapsed to alleviate quality issues as the blend concentrations increase.

## Regional Green Team

### HERO BX Affiliated with NW PAGE and the Regional Green Team

The mission of NW PAGE is to provide a network of resources and partnerships promoting the awareness and growth of a green economy in NW PA through leadership, innovation, workforce training and job creation.



As a member of this group, HERO BX provides input about the types of jobs in the biodiesel industry and what types of training could benefit the industry. The Regional Green Team was formed to evaluate grant applications for training initiatives, curriculum development, and supportive services related to the development of the green economy and green jobs. The PA Dept of Labor and Industry, West Central Workforce Investment Board requested that HERO BX join this group to assist in reviewing and recommending grant applications that would best serve our region.

Scott Newell, Environmental, Health and Safety Manager at HERO BX assisted by reviewing various grant applications and voting to support projects that best met the established criteria for grants ranging from \$50,000 - \$250,000.

## Customer of the Month

### Mirabito Energy Products

Since 1927, Mirabito Energy Products has been meeting the energy needs of families and businesses throughout upstate New York. Mirabito Energy Products offers a variety of products including heating oil, propane, natural gas, coal, gasoline, diesel fuels, kerosene, biodiesel, lubricants and solar. Mirabito also offers a complete line of home heating equipment, installation and service.



Mirabito partnered with HERO BX to become the first retail outlet for biodiesel in New York State. Mirabito now has two retail outlets, Oneonta and Castle Creek, NY, that offer biodiesel. Biodiesel is also blended and distributed throughout the state to wholesale customers out of the Sidney, NY bulk plant.

In Addition to being an energy provider, Mirabito owns and operates more than 50 Quickway Food Stores and Convenience Express locations throughout Central New York, making Quickway one of the largest convenience store chains in Central New York. Mirabito Holdings, Inc. Corporate Offices are based in Binghamton, NY.

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