

# Steel Tank Institute Steel Plate Fabricators Association

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## NEWS

### **STI/SPFA LAUNCHES A NEW WEB SITE LINK ON ALTERNATIVE FUELS**

LAKE ZURICH – May 12, 2006 – The Steel Tank Institute launched a new Alternative Fuels informational link on their web site [http://www.steeltank.com/alternate\\_fuels.aspx](http://www.steeltank.com/alternate_fuels.aspx), providing specifications and resources for buyers of ethanol and biodiesel blends of fuels, including E10, E85 and B20 fuel products. "This link provides valuable information to tank owners, engineers, regulators and consultants on alternative fuels", said Wayne Geyer, Executive Vice President of the Association. "It provides a much needed resource on fuel compatibility for the steel tank".

Alternative fuels are being promoted from the highest US Government levels. President Bush has stated that is time for the United States to "move beyond a petroleum-based economy and make our dependence on Middle Eastern oil a thing of the past." He asked Congress to fund a 22-percent increase in federal energy research to focus on several strategies, including ethanol, which is typically made from corn but can also be made from agricultural waste and other sources. "Our goal is to make this new kind of ethanol practical and competitive within six years".

“STI’s web site is providing valuable information on ethanol and biodiesel fuels,” said Vice President of Environmental Systems, Jim Walton of OPW Fueling Components.

“Steel is the material of choice for alcohol and biodiesel fuels,” said Sonny Underwood, STI President and owner of Mid-South Steel.

The Steel Tank Institute and the Steel Plate Fabricators Association are Divisions of STI/SPFA, an association serving companies in the business of fabricating steel tanks, piping and pressure vessels for use in the petroleum, food, water and chemical processing industries. STI/SPFA provides certification and training courses for steel tank and piping, performs quality assurance inspections, develops industry standards and specifications, produces safety manuals, and serves as a liaison to regulatory and code authorities. For further information, contact Lorri Grainawi, Director of Technical Services, at STI/SPFA, 570 Oakwood Road, Lake Zurich, IL 60047, Phone: 847.438.8265 Fax: 847.438.8766  
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