

While this tax credit was not intended for the pulping operations in the United States, by not including the burning of black liquor as a Bio-Fuel, you have put the pulping operations at a competitive disadvantage. **Kraft Pulping Suicide.** Kraft pulping operations have been burning black liquor for many years with no recognition for their pioneering in the bio-fuel industry and now they will have to take a back seat to the newer processes. Over the years, paper companies have put large sums of money into environmental compliance and research with no refunding or credits from the government. These technologies will be used by the new industries to ensure compliance (I assume), the alternative credit is one way to recoup some of that cost for the paper industry.

In Wisconsin, we are already seeing increases in pulp wood cost due to competition from the bio-fuel industry. As this industry grows, competition will get worse and most likely cause additional mills to close which translates to unprecedented job losses in the U.S. Pulping industry as we have already seen in the state of Maine.

Rather than eliminating the credit, maybe the credit should be made competitive, reduce the credit to \$0.30/gallon for example. Otherwise, the credit should be eliminated for all bio-fuel generation. I understand that the credit will sunset at the end of the year, it is important that it also sunsets for the rest of the bio-fuel industry, otherwise the credit should be extended going forward for the pulping industry also.

Let's be sure to make the playing field level for all industries in the United States.

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