

I would like to register my vote in favor of the Alternative Fuel Mixture credit until the end of the year and I am asking you to preserve the current status of the credit.

- This credit, which was designed as an incentive for production of fish oil is critical for maintaining our facilities viability in this extraordinarily challenging financial market. As a provider of paper products our mills fulfill over 70 percent of our power needs from burning black liquor—a residual of the pulping process comprised of lignin, the organic “glue” or liquid biomass that binds wood fibers together.
- The pulp and paper industry far outpaces every other industry in production and use of renewable power. However, until now we have largely been unable to take advantage of incentives for renewable power. Currently, restrictions exist in the Section 45 renewable electricity tax credit which disqualify renewable biomass power that is generated and consumed on site—a practice we employ here at Domtar. Meanwhile, those that compete with us for wood fiber, such as independent power producers and facilities that make cellulosic transportation fuels, benefit fully from Section 45 and other production tax incentives.
- We view the alternative mixture credit as helping to level the playing field while providing a needed boost to our mill—a mill that sustains good paying jobs in a rural community that depends on these jobs to drive economic activity in the area.
- This tax credit has been a critical lifeline for our mill in the midst of what everyone—economists, politicians and millworkers--agrees are extraordinarily dire economic conditions.

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