

- We ask your support in preserving the current Alternative Fuel Mixture Credit until the end of the year when it is set to expire.
- This credit, which was designed to give companies an incentive for the production of fish oil-a substance very similar in makeup to black liquor-is critical for maintaining our facility's viability in this extraordinarily challenging economic environment.
- Our mill fulfills a large percentage 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 mill workers - agrees are extraordinarily dire economic conditions.

Black liquor is liquid biomass - a wholly organic substance that resembles thick molasses and which is comprised of the lignin found in trees Bryan Peterson