

The pulp and paper industry far outpaces every other industry in production and use of renewable power. Our mill fulfills over 70% 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. We burn this high BTU value liquid biomass to generate power to run our mill. This is power that would otherwise have to be sourced from the grid--power that would be largely derived from fossil fuel.

The alternative tax credit has literally been a lifeline for Domtar allowing us to survive some of the toughest times we've seen in a very long time. We view the 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 credit and other policies that provide incentives for our industry's use of biomass as a fuel source will enable our mill to continue best practices, continue to innovate, and continue to lead the way in the area of renewable energy.

We ask your support in preserving the current Alternative Fuel Mixture Credit until the end of the year when it is set to expire. Thank you.

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