

The alternative fuels tax credit was not created by the pulp and paper industry. It was created by our representatives in Washington, DC. Yes, the pulp and paper industry benefits from this tax credit and at this time we need the help so that we can continue employing our people who make a huge impact financially to the communities we live in. It is not a give-away. We have been a leader in alternative fuel usage for many years by reusing the black liquor byproduct as a fuel which offsets our dependence on mainstream fuels.

It is surprising to me that legislation created by our representatives and audited and approved by the IRS would be discontinued in mid-year by the very same people who created the legislation. One would wonder if our representatives understood, or read, the bill they created and ultimately passed.

I strongly urge you to consider leaving the alternative fuels tax credit in place and allow it to sunset as planned at the end of 2009.

Respectfully yours,  
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