



Pellet Fuels Institute Announces Qualification of 20th Pellet Fuels Producer into PFI Standards Program

Fiber Energy Products Qualifies Missouri Facility; Forest Energy Corporation Qualifies Oregon Facility into Program

Washington, DC – February 15, 2017 – The Pellet Fuels Institute today announced the qualification of two new pellet fuels manufacturing facilities to the PFI Standards Program. Fiber Energy Products’ Seymour, Missouri, facility and Forest Energy Corporation’s Columbia City, Oregon, facility both qualified for the program. The PFI Standards Program is a third-party accreditation program providing specifications for residential and commercial-grade pellet fuel, now representing 20 pellet manufacturing companies, among them 33 facilities.

“The PFI Standards Program has been steadily welcoming newly qualified companies over the past year, and we are proud to say that we now have 20 qualified pellet fuels producers in the program,” said Chris Amey, Chairman of the PFI Board of Directors. “With every new qualification, consumers have better access to pellets that are produced in independently accredited facilities. The Quality Mark on the bag lets a consumer know that they are purchasing fuel from an independently evaluated pellet producer. If you’re not sure, ask your retailer about how to identify the Quality Mark on pellet bags. We welcome Fiber Energy Products into the PFI Standards Program, we congratulate Forest Energy Corporation on its second qualified facility, and we look forward to many more PFI Standards Program members.”

In qualifying for the Standards Program, Fiber Energy Products joins companies with previously qualified facilities New England Wood Pellet, Curran Renewable Energy, American Wood Fibers, Lignetics Inc., Marth Peshtigo Pellet Co., Forest Energy Corp., Indeck Ladysmith, Energex, Spearfish Pellet Co., Smith Flooring, Michigan Wood Fuels LLC, Trae Fuels Ltd., Somerset Pellet Fuel, NWP Jasper, Georgia Biomass, Snow Timber Pellets, Colombo Energy, Appalachian Wood Pellets and Instantheat Wood Pellets.

PFI Standards Program participants can display the [PFI Quality Mark](#) on their pellet bags, signifying their qualification to the program requirements. This quality mark demonstrates to consumers that the product comes from a facility that submits its product to regular third party audits by an independent accredited auditing agency and testing laboratory. Random audits are regularly performed at production facilities to ensure qualified companies are following a quality control program. Wood pellets are tested according to the program specifications, also on a monthly

basis. By taking these steps, participants ensure that their pellet quality remains consistent.

Both facilities were qualified by accredited auditing agency Timber Products Inspection. For information on qualifying for the program, the first step is to contact an accredited auditing agency, a list of which can be find on [PFI's website](#). For further details on the PFI Standards Program, including a list of participating manufacturers, visit the PFI website, www.pelletheat.org.

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