

# SCSB Final Report

## **General Information**

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**Organization:** National Biodiesel Board

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## **Proposal Information**

**Title:** Quality Assurance Programs

**Amount Expended to Date:** \$1,000

## **Progress Assessment**

There has been a significant evolution in the biodiesel industry. What began as technical efforts to prove that biodiesel was a viable alternative option for petroleum diesel fuel, has turned towards defending biodiesel against being the root cause for all fuel related problems. The Quality Assurance program helps to maintain relationships with petroleum refiners, fuel distributors, along with vehicle and engine manufacturers. In FY18, this project has helped to defend biodiesel against becoming the singular cause of fuel tank corrosion issues across the country as well as helping to support the National Biodiesel Board and its Technical director, Scott Fenwick, in his new role as Chairman of the ASTM D02 Committee covering the global standards for Petroleum Products, Liquid Fuels and Lubricants.

## **Key Performance Indicators**

- Not less than 90% of the biodiesel produced by NBB member companies will fall under the BQ-9000 program.

As noted previously, the NBB lost several large producer members during the FY18 year. However, the BQ9000 program participation remains strong amongst biodiesel producers in the industry. When finalizing the final biodiesel volume reports for the year, over 91% of the volumes reported were produced by a BQ9000 producer.

## **Next Steps**

More so than ever before, the biodiesel industry is being assigned responsibility and blame for traditional diesel fuel issues. This program remains relevant and a priority to help determine when fuel issues arise whether biodiesel contributed to the problems. The NBB will continue to react to these reported market issues and remain engaged with regulators and industry groups to help educate those misperceptions on biodiesel.

## **Additional Information**

Thank you for your support of the biodiesel industry and the NBB.

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