



Minnesota plant wins environmental award

FIBROMINN, THE FIRST U.S. PLANT DEVELOPED BY FIBROWATT, WINS A MINNESOTA "GREEN BUSINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT" AWARD

The Fibrominn Biomass Power Plant, the nation's first power plant fueled by poultry litter, received the "Green Business and Environmental Management" award at the Minnesota Environmental Initiative Awards earlier this month. The award is presented annually to a partnership that successfully reduces the environmental footprint of business activities or solves environmental challenges through the creation of a new business.

Since Fibrominn began operations in Benson, Minnesota last year, the 55-megawatt plant has provided an important service to the regional poultry industry by utilizing more than 500,000 tons of poultry litter and other biomass materials annually. By transporting litter directly to the plant, Fibrominn and Minnesota turkey farmers are reducing nuisance odors for local residents and decreasing the nutrient burden on groundwater and waterways.



"This is a tremendous honor that acknowledges our effort to address important environmental challenges in a meaningful way," said Rupert Fraser, CEO of Fibrowatt. "Our technology allows Fibrominn to generate renewable energy without introducing any new greenhouse gases into the environment."

Fibrominn successfully worked with the Minnesota poultry industry, a fertilizer company, local municipalities and the State of Minnesota to address challenging environmental and economic issues involving poultry litter in a manner that benefits everyone involved.

The Fibrominn plant is playing a critical role in supporting environmental stewardship efforts of the poultry industry and helping the Benson community sustain its agriculturally-based economy.

Fibrowatt, the company that developed the Fibrominn plant, has announced plans to develop poultry litter-fueled plants in North Carolina. One site in Sampson County has already been selected; the company is also evaluating sites in western and central North Carolina.

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