Policy on Biomass Resources

SC Forestry Association (SCFA) member companies, family forest owners, and other stakeholders believe that South Carolina's forest resources and wood and paper product industries are contributing, and will add even more, to the goal of US energy independence. Our commitment to sustainable forestry and best management practices exemplify responsible stewardship of natural resources.

SCFA believes fair trade and free markets should be the driving force to utilize biomass resources for renewable energy. Where state or federal policies provide incentives, subsidies or mandates to encourage renewable energy, they should be applied fairly to prevent market distortion and unfair competition.

We support research and development to encourage new technologies for biomass utilization, conversion, and production of bio fuels and electricity.

To further strengthen and develop markets for forest products and the emerging renewable energy industry, SCFA endorses this definition of biomass resources when used in accordance with this policy:

Biomass Resources *means any organic, or cellulosic material, excluding fossil fuels, that is available on a renewable or recurring basis, including, but not limited to, organic or cellulosic by-products produced at wood, pulp, or paper producing facilities.*

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