



PYROLYSIS EQUIPMENT DEMONSTRATIONS

IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Some of you probably have been wondering what happened to the planned pyrolysis demonstrations of the Advanced Biorefinery, Inc. (ABRI) equipment in several locations in Northern California. The following is an update to advise you of the current plans and to invite you to remain engaged.

The equipment, currently being operated by BioChar, Inc. in Oregon, experienced a number of operational problems. Primarily the machine was not separating the biooil and biochar effectively. BioChar has recently had the equipment re-engineered to a state where this problem has been corrected. Other equipment improvements have been made and improvements will continue to be made. The last report stated that the oil/char separation problem is resolved.

The equipment has recently and successfully been field demonstrated on the Umpqua National Forest in Oregon. Based on these operational improvements the Central Sacramento Valley RC&D continues to support these demonstrations in California and have set dates for these demonstrations.

As of this date, assuming equipment reliability, the pyrolysis equipment will arrive in Oroville on August 17 and demonstrations will be August 19, 20 and 21. The demonstrations will be scheduled in the morning of each day, from 9 AM to Noon. If more convenient please note demonstrations are scheduled in Redding on August 24 and 25. Once you register you will receive confirmation and additional information.

We ask that you confirm your interest in attending one of these demonstrations by selecting a date and the number of people from your organization who will attend. The total number of people per day may be limited to facility capacity. We will attempt to accommodate everyone as best we can.

It is important that we have the name each person registering, with a telephone number, e-mail address, and date and location of the demonstration site preferred. If an alternate date or site is acceptable we would like this information as well.

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