# **Concluding Remarks**

As can be read in this workshop proceedings report, DOE received significant feedback from Algal Biofuels Strategy Workshop participants. Algae Program personnel participated in the workshop discussions and have reviewed the information provided in this report. There will be a second Algal Biofuels Strategy Workshop in the spring of 2014 to build on the information provided herein and delve deeper into selected topics. DOE will consolidate all of the feedback from both workshops and report back to the algae community at Biomass 2014, BETO's annual conference in Washington, D.C.

DOE BETO's Algae Program would like to express our thanks to Arizona State University and LightWorks for hosting and contributing to this workshop. Similarly, we would like to thank all of the participants for their time, efforts, and contributions. The discussions and information provided through the breakout sessions are extremely valuable to the Algae Program, and we look forward to continued collaboration as we utilize this feedback to inform Program strategies moving forward.

# Appendix A: Workshop Agenda

## **Algal Biofuels Strategy Workshop**

Department of Energy Bioenergy Technologies Office **November 19 – 20, 2013** 

Arizona State University, AzCATI 7418 Innovation Way South; Building: ISTB3 Mesa, AZ 85212

Day 1 - Tuesday, November 19					
Time	Event	Location			
12:30 p.m.	Registration Check-in Opens	Building: ISTB3			
1:00 p.m.–1:15 p.m.	Welcome and Introduction	Building: ISTB3, Room 103			
1:15 p.m.–1:30 p.m.	Explanation of Objectives and Meeting Structure	Building: ISTB3, Room 103			
1:30 p.m.–2:00 p.m.	AzCATI/ATP3 Presentation	Building: ISTB3, Room 103			
2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.	AzCATI/ATP3 Site Tour	ATP3 Algae Test Bed			
3:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.	Workshop Agenda Setting: Participants Formulate Breakout Session Topics	Building: ISTB3, Room 103			

	Day 2 – Wednesday, November 20							
	8:00a	8:20a	9:40a	11:00a	12:20p	1:40p	3:00p	4:20p
Room One		Thermo-chemical conversion/ HTL (Matthew Atwood)	CO <sub>2</sub> optimization, co-location and delivery (Albert Vitale)	New co-products (Robert McCormick)		TEA/LCA development & validation (Byard Wood)	Managing pond ecology (Dan Anderson)	
Room Two		GMO/Environ- mental assessment (Justin Flory)	Deployment of superior strains (Philip Pienkos)	Optimizing low- cost cultivation design (Braden Crowe)		AD and recycling water & nutrients (Lowell Collins)	Algal oil upgrading (Ryan Davis)	
Room Three	ncements	Integration (coal, natural gas, and CO <sub>2</sub> ) (Paul Woods)	Characterization of industry standards (Lieve Laurens)	Energy efficient harvesting dewatering and extraction (John Groppo)	unch	Genetic engineering and advanced biology (Jianping Yu)	Mass culture limiting resources (Robin Gerlach)	
Room Four	Morning Announ	Wastewater, niche micro algal farms (Deborah Newby)	Uncertainty in feedstock production and crop rotation (Mark Wigmosta)	Algal polyculture— planktonic and benthic systems (Dean Calahan)	Display & Lunch	DOE funding optimization (Rachel Levinson)	Sensors & systems for precision production (Albert Vitale)	Display
Room Five	$ m M_0$	Algal genomics (Rose Ann Cattolico)		DOE facilitating regulation, commercialization and financing (Jacques Beaudry-Lousique)		Agricultural vs. Wastewater cultivation (Randy Ryan)	Cell and molecular biology (Stephanie Brunelle)	
Room Six		Extrapolating lab scale results to full scale systems (Michael Huesemann)		Opportunities for industry and academia collaboration (Bill Henley)		Sustainability indicators (Matthew Atwood)	Algal biomass fractionation (Robert McCormick)	

# **Appendix B: Abbreviations and Acronyms**

ALU	Algal lipid upgrading		
HTL	Hydrothermal Liquefaction		
AD	Anaerobic digestion		
AOCS	American Oil Chemists' Society		
ATP3,	Algae Testbed Public-Private Partnership		
BAT	Biomass assessment tool		
BETO	Bioenergy Technologies Office		
CAAFI	Commercial Aviation Alternative Fuels Initiative		
CAPEX	Capital expenditure		
CCS	Carbon capture and storage		
CCU	Carbon capture and use		
CO2	Carbon dioxide		
DOD	Department of Defense		
DOE	Department of Energy		
EA	Environmental Assessment		
EERE	Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy		
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency		
EROI	Energy return on investment		
FE	Office of Fossil Energy		
FOA	Funding Opportunity Announcement		
gge	Gallon gasoline equivalent		
GHG	Greenhouse gas		
GM	Genetically modified		
GMO	Genetically modified organism		
IP	Intellectual property		
IPM	Integrated Pest Management		
LCA	Life cycle analysis		
N	Nitrogen		
NAABB	National Alliance of Advanced Biofuels and Bioproducts		
NABC	National Advanced Biofuels Consortia		
NEPA	National Environmental Protection Act		
NETL	National Energy Technology Laboratory		
NGO	Non-governmental organization		
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology		
OPEX	Operating expenditure		
ORNL	Oakridge National Laboratory		

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OS	Office of Science
P	Phosphorous
PBR	Photobioreactor
PNNL	Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
R&D	Research and development
RAFT	Regional Algae Feedstock Testbed
RFI	Request for Information
RFS	Renewable Fuel Standard
SBIR	Small Business Innovation Research
TAN	total acid number
TEA	Technoeconomic analysis
TRL	Technology Readiness Level
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
WW	Wastewater

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# **Appendix D: Proposed Breakout Topics**

Due to space and time constraints, not all breakout sessions proposed by attendees were convened, but many topics were consolidated. Below is the entire list of topics proposed by the participants, as captured during the Agenda Setting Session.

Wastewater Cultivation

Thermochemical Conversion

**Algal Genomics** 

Algal Turf Scrubbing

Mass culture limiting resources

Environmental Risk Assessment of Algal Mass

Culture

Uncertainty in Feedstock Production

Validated Cost Models

Bio-complexity to Enhance Production

Niche or Small Scale Farms

Harvesting and Dewatering Technologies

Coal and Natural Gas  $CO_2 + HTL = Fuels$ 

**Deployment of Superior Strains** 

Integration

Cell Molecular Biology of Algae

Predators and Predator Management

Oleochemicals from Algae

Genetic Engineering

Cross Protected Growth System

Best Methods to Create Industrial Standards

Advanced Biology

**Protection Strategies** 

Biomass and Bioproduct Characterization

Algal Oil Upgrading

Algal Biomass Fractionation

Communities

Sensors and Systems for Algal Production

DOE Portfolio Optimization

New Focus by DOE on Commercialization

Recycling Water and Nutrients

Anaerobic Digestion of Algae as a Substrate

Varying Costs of Carbon

Access to Up-to-date Data

Leveraging Financing

Agricultural Cultivation vs. Wastewater

Treatment Plant

**GMO** Regulation and Consumer Awareness

CO<sub>2</sub> Economic Optimization

Technoeconomics

Algal Crop Rotation Strategies

In-time Harvesting

Mechanistic Understanding for Reliability

Small Scale Funding Opportunities to Facilitate Academic Partnerships

Producing Synergies for Industries and Labs

New Products in Support of Biofuels

DOE as a Facilitator for Regulatory Compliance

Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage

Optimizing CO<sub>2</sub> Delivery to Reduce Waste

Predator and Disease Control

Energy Efficient Harvesting and Extraction

Improving and Optimizing Cultivation Design

CO<sub>2</sub> Transport and Resource Potential

No-liner Pond Construction

**TEA Modeling** 

Production Pond Ecosystem Monitoring

(microbial)

Algal Biomass Conversion Processing plus HTL

**HTL** Fractionation

Coproduct Generation and Biorefinery

Approaches to Biofuels