

Notification of the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)
For Coskata Inc.
Cellulosic Ethanol Facility
In Boligee, Alabama

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Business Cooperative Service (RBCS) received a request from Silicon Valley Bank for a loan note guarantee for Coskata Inc. under the RBCS Biorefinery Assistance Program. The proposed loan note guarantee request is for construction of a 55 Million Gallons/Year Cellulosic Ethanol facility to be located on 151 acres northwest of Boligee, Alabama at 2059 County Rd. 89 (32° 47' 30" N, 88° 2' 49" W). The facility would include the construction of a feedstock yard, gasifier, fermentor, distiller, and related infrastructure and will convert wood biomass to ethanol.

The facility proposes to fill 10.2 acres of wetlands and ephemeral drainageways, to dredge 12.4 acres of wetlands to reactivate a former gravel/borrow pit, and to construct an 8,192 LF discharge pipe to the Tombigbee River. This proposal would have adverse effects to wetlands/waterways, air quality, water quality, and local wildlife. As required by the National Environmental Policy Act and agency regulations, RBCS has assessed the potential environmental effects of the proposal. Upon consideration of the applicant's proposal, comments from federal and state environmental regulatory and natural resource agencies, the agency has determined that the proposal will not have a significant adverse effect on the natural or human environment. Therefore, RBCS will not prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for this project.

The document is available at the following web address:

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/pss/EnvironmentalDocuments.htm>. For further information, please contact: Juliet Bochicchio, USDA, Rural Development, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mail Stop 0761, Washington DC, 20250 (202) 205-8242 or juliet.bochicchio@wdc.usda.gov. Please submit comments within 15 days. RBCS will make no further decisions regarding this proposed action during this fifteen-day period.