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NORTH CAROLINA LAUNCHES ORGANICS TRADING WEB SITE

RALEIGH – The N.C. Division of Pollution Prevention and Environmental Assistance announces a new online commodity trading Web site for organic materials to help expand the development of the biomass economy in North Carolina.

NC BiomassTrader (www.ncbiomasstrader.com) is a convenient, free online waste exchange for surplus and waste biomass materials such as waste vegetable oil, restaurant grease, wood waste, manures, food waste, forest products and byproducts and agricultural products and byproducts. The trading site is available to individuals, organizations and businesses that have biomass commodities others need or are looking for biomass commodities.

Although NC BiomassTrader is not a sales tool for commercial ventures to advertise products, it is a platform for trading valuable materials that may otherwise be discarded, buried in landfills, discharged to sewers or otherwise disposed.

The Web site is a spin-off from the free commodity trading site, NC WasteTrader, and is a joint project of the N.C. Division of Pollution Prevention and Environmental Assistance and the State Energy Office. Since 2003, NC WasteTrader has steadily grown with numerous entries from users listing all kinds of commodities. Over the years, NC WasteTrader listings became heavily populated with listings for biomass materials, so the natural move was to develop a free, online trader specifically for biomass.

Biomass is becoming an increasingly important source of alternative fuels and feedstock for manufacturing and new products. North Carolina is rich in biomass resources, including resources that are often discarded but may have a value-added use. NC BiomassTrader is designed to facilitate the development of biomass markets in North Carolina and increase job creation in the state's biomass economy.

Examples of products that can be listed in NC BiomassTrader include, but are not limited to:

- Sawdust, wood chips and shavings
- Industrial pallets and crates
- Waste vegetable oil and grease
- Old corrugated cardboard containers and paper waste
- Surplus and discarded food items
- Glycerin and other biodiesel production byproducts

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