

Rhoads Energy Breaks Ground On Biofuels Facility

New hub will expand access to greener, cleaner fuel for home heat

LANCASTER, PA, UNITED STATES, April 29, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Rhoads Energy](#) announced that it has broken ground on new infrastructure that will expand our region's access to [biodiesel](#) — a fuel made from biodegradable, organic materials like soybean oil.

Rhoads Energy will develop the biodiesel facility at a rail siding located at Red Rose Midstream, a fuel distribution hub in Rapho Township that is operated by Rhoads. The new infrastructure, slated to open in late July, will pump 100% biodiesel directly from rail cars to tanker trucks.



Representatives from Rhoads Energy and community leadership break ground on Rhoads new biofuel center

Biodiesel is a critical component in creating B5 [Bioheat](#), a blend of 5% biodiesel and standard heating oil that significantly reduces carbon emissions and air pollutants. Last year, Rhoads Energy announced that it would exclusively deliver Bioheating oil to thousands of homes, part of its drive to offer clean-burning, renewable fuels.

Here's how Rhoads Energy's new terminal will benefit biodiesel distribution, and the community at large:

Easy access, lower cost: Currently, most biodiesel is trucked in from distant terminals, like the New York harbor. Rail delivery via the new Rhoads terminal will significantly lower transporting costs, boost reliability, and yield savings that can be passed to consumers.

Expanded use of greener fuel: Closer proximity will encourage more suppliers to deliver cleaner burning fuels like Bioheating oil. When more homes use clean fuel, the environmental benefits multiply for our region's residents.



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*Michael DeBerdine, CEO,
Rhoads Energy.*

Advantages for homeowners: Bioheating oil burns cleaner, which improves efficiency, increases equipment lifespan, and reduces deposits on the components in standard oil heat systems. Along with cleaner air, homeowners benefit from improved equipment performance and fewer fuel-related malfunctions over time.

“Our new biodiesel facility is part of Rhoads Energy’s ongoing investment in renewable fuels,” said Michael DeBerdine, CEO of Rhoads Energy. “Our new terminal gives us greater control over our fuel supply and lowers costs for

everyone. We will continue to explore ways to expand renewable fuels to benefit our customers — and our region’s air quality.”

Development of the new distribution area will include site development, installation of roadways, new pumping equipment, and other improvements. Rhoads Energy secured a USDA grant to help fund a portion of the construction.

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