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Site of Future SeSequential Biofuels Renewable Fuel Pump Station.

*This foreclosed property will undergo an EPA Brownfield clean-up before SeSequential Biofuels builds their renewable biodiesel fuel station for retail and commercial distribution.*

## SeSequential Biofuels Awarded Brownfield Clean-Up Grant

By Heather M. Edwards

McVay Highway is a commercial corridor between the downtown/university area and Lane Community College. Between these two epicenters of environmental idealism and activism is a small corner of land. The abandoned site of the Franco #15 gas station will soon become the newest [SeSequential Biofuels](#) station. The gasoline-soaked dirt has been excavated and the ground water is being treated for remaining contaminants. The new station will feature “green” construction, integrated solar structures, a drive-through Sweet Life coffee and pastry shop and the cleanest-burning fuel available in the area.

Owners of the first biodiesel fuel pump in Oregon, Ian Hill, Tomas Endicott and Tyson Keever are committed to the future. They are trying to market the concept of sustainability by offering sustainable choices that are affordable. “The margins are pretty brutal,” says Managing Partner Ian Hill. The cost of cleaning up the property is far greater than the current value of the property and return on the initial investments will come in time.

Property acquired by Lane County through tax foreclosure is usually maintained as County parks or roads, offered to the highest-bidding buying or offered to non-profit organizations. But since acquiring the property in September of 2004 the Lane County Community & Economic Development Program and Lane County Property Management have applied for an EPA petroleum cleanup grant. For-profit companies are not eligible applicants so Lane County will own the property until the \$200,000 cleanup is complete.

SeSequential Biofuels provides commercial biodiesel and biodiesel/petroleum diesel blends for heat, power and transportation uses throughout the Pacific Northwest. As the largest provider of biodiesel in Oregon, SeSequential will be offering the same domestically produced sustainable options to retail consumers. The new retail station will open for business in the summer of 2006.

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