

## Castle: Delaware's Own DuPont Company Continues to Lead U.S. in Development of Alternative Forms of Energy -- March 27, 2007

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Delaware Congressman Mike Castle today congratulated the DuPont Company for once again securing a prestigious award from the U.S. Department of Energy, to further the development of their cellulosic ethanol technology. Today's announcement comes on the heels of the \$80 million announcement last month for Broin Companies to develop a cellulosic ethanol plant to commercialize DuPont's technology.

"Delaware is once again leading the nation on a critical issue that will impact generations to come -- alternative sources of energy. I think we all can agree that this nation must become more independent of foreign oil and that we need to continue to do all we can to develop more environmentally-friendly sources of energy. DuPont's cellulosic ethanol technology will help us achieve both. During his visit to Delaware in January, President Bush rightly recognized this cutting edge technology and the brilliant minds behind the initiative. I am proud to have such a world leader on energy initiatives located here in Delaware," Castle said.

Today's announcement by the U.S. Department of Energy is part of President Bush's Twenty in Ten Initiative, which aims to increase the use of renewable and alternative fuels in the transportation sector to the equivalent of 35 billion gallons of ethanol a year by 2017. Cellulosic ethanol fuel is made from a wide variety of non-food plant materials, including agricultural wastes such as corn stover and cereal straws, industrial plant waste, like saw dust and paper pulp, and energy crops grown specifically for fuel production like switchgrass.

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