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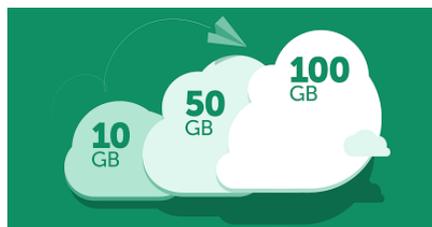
NEXT signs agreement with labor union for operating renewable fuels plant

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In Oregon, NEXT Renewable Fuels signed a peace agreement with UFCW 555, agreeing to remain neutral in any future union organizing efforts for operating staff at their planned biofuels manufacturing plant at Port Westward in Columbia County. The agreement allows future NEXT plant workers and UFCW representatives to work together during any future organizing and collective bargaining process.

"Our biofuels plant cannot be built or operated properly without skilled workers. That's why we previously agreed to work with regional trade unions for the hiring of union and non-union labor to construct our facility. Our agreement with UFCW 555 extends our commitment to let local unions meet with our future employees to discuss their mutual desire to work together," said Lou Soumas, president, NEXT Renewable Fuels.

NEXT is planning an advanced biofuels facility at Port Westward in Columbia County to produce biofuels made from renewable plant feedstock. Initially when the facility opens in 2021, NEXT will produce more than 37,500 barrels/day of advanced biofuels, growing to more than 50,000 barrels/day at full capacity. The facility will produce mostly Advanced Green Diesel, plus a small amount of Renewable Propane and Renewable Naphtha.



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