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Agriculture Secretary Vilsack to Visit Nashville to Discuss Efforts to Decrease U.S. Dependence on Foreign Oil; Lower Gas Prices

WASHINGTON, D.C./ LOUISVILLE, KY, May 20, 2011 – On Monday, May 23, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack will host an event at a new Thorntons Convenience store in Nashville, Tenn., to discuss the importance of moving toward a clean energy economy and to break our country's unsustainable dependence on foreign oil.

In April, USDA announced new incentives for fuel station owners to install flexible fuel pumps that will offer Americans more renewable energy options. The Obama administration has set a goal of installing 10,000 flexible fuel pumps nationwide within 5 years.

WHEN: Monday, May 23, 2011
11:45 a.m. CDT

WHAT: Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack will discuss the need for renewable fuel infrastructure in Tennessee to help reduce our country's dependence on foreign oil.

WHERE: Thorntons Inc #608
7102 Charlotte Pike
Nashville, TN 37209

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