

CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2016 PROJECT SUMMARY

| Name(s) | Project Number |
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| Project Title | |
| Sawmill Waste Biomass Powering the Future | |
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| Abstract | |
| Objectives/Goals | |
| The goal of my project was to determine what wood-based waste material produces the most British Thermal Units (BTUs). | |
| Methods/Materials | |
| Douglas fir, coast redwood, and a mixture of both of these wood byproducts from a sawmill were used for my experiment. A Moisture Balancer was used to determine the BTUs based on the moisture content and | |
| densities of the woods. | |
| Results The mixture of Douglas fir and redwood material produced the most BTUs, while the redwood material | |
| produced the least amount of BTUs, informing me that the mixed material is the most effective source of | |
| energy out of the three. | |
| Conclusions/Discussion My conclusion is that the mixed product produced the most BTU#s because the Douglas fir burns up | |
| really fast releasing a lot of BTU#s while the redwood burns up slower but producing less BTU#s. | |
| Together the mixture produces an increased amount of BTUs over a longer period of time. | |
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| Summary Statement | |
| I showed that a mixture of wood waste materials produces more BTUs over a lo | onger period of time |
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| Help Dessived | |
| Help Received I learned how to use the Moisture Balancer machine and the industry standards | from the manager of the |
| power plant | nom me manager of the |