

## Anaerobic Digester Certification Training Key for Operators Hoping for a Tax Break

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HOLLAND, Mich. -- Michigan State University (MSU) Extension is offering the On-Farm Anaerobic Digester Operator Training Course Nov. 18-19, 2008, at the Herman Miller GreenHouse here.

The course is intended for operators of farm-based anaerobic digesters and those interested in implementing anaerobic digestion at any farm or agribusiness. The program will cover information about system operations, troubleshooting and safety for those considering implementation of digestion technology and looking to gain operational information.

“This course is required to become a certified operator in Michigan and take advantage of the property tax exemption on digester equipment,” explains Charles Gould, MSU Extension agriculture educator. “It’s perfect training for anyone in agriculture who already has a digester or is considering putting one in because, without it, you simply can’t get the tax benefit.”

There is no charge for this session, but space is limited. The two-day workshop includes a trip to Scenic View Dairy, home of one of the first anaerobic digesters in western Michigan.

To get additional information or to register, contact the Ottawa County MSU Extension office at 616-846-8250 or toll-free at 1-888-MSUE-4MI.

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