

# Seagoing Algae Biorefinery

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# Algae is a proven natural resource

## Problem: Scarcity



Algae fuels: Solazyme, Neste  
Algae bioplastic: Algix Inc  
Algae feeds: LiveFuels Inc  
Algae fertilizer: IOSI Inc

Terrestrial algae production is currently cost prohibitive for commodities production

- >500% reduction in production cost required for price parity with petroleum-based products
- Cost drivers: fertilizer, land, water, separations
- Algae industry is currently supported by EERE





# A larger problem contains the solution

- Algae-induced aquatic Hypoxia: **“Dead Zones”**
  - >600 confirmed algal-bloom induced dead zones world-wide, up ~800% since 70’s
- Gulf of Mexico dead zone **costs US seafood and tourism industries >\$80M annually**
- Cost for prevention: \$2.7B annually

**Why: Fertilizer Runoff** (non-point source ag.)



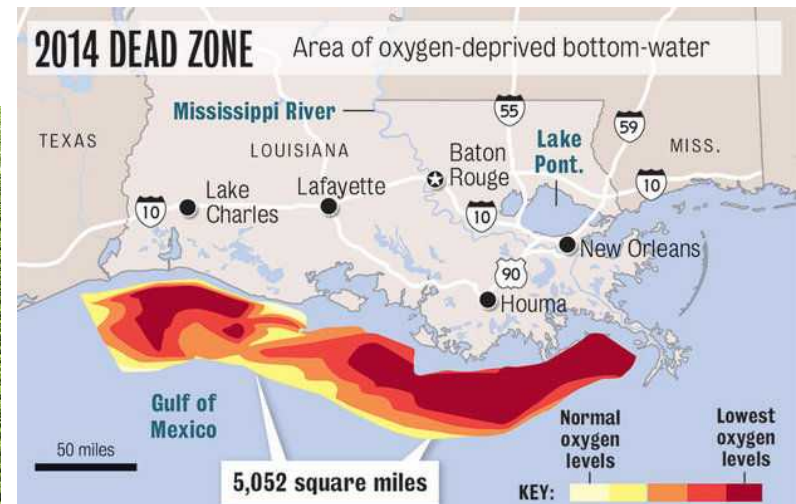
**Algae Bloom**



**Eutrophication**  
(algae decomposition)



**Hypoxia**



Sources: Nancy Rabalais, Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium; Eugene Turner, Louisiana State University; NOAA Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research

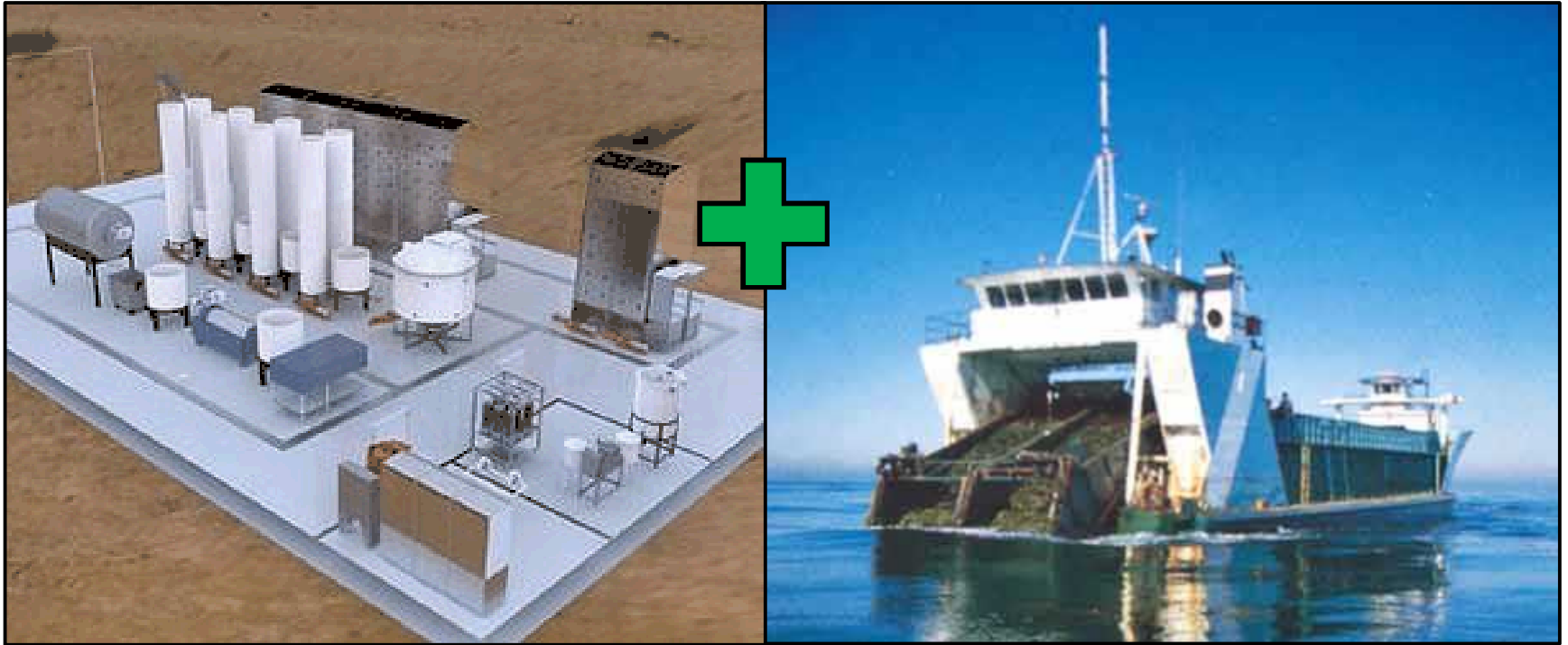
## Notice

An algae bloom has made this area potentially unsafe for water contact. Avoid direct contact with visible surface scum.

# Customer Segments

- Cost sensitivity of commodities is the major hurdle: follow the course established by the solar/wind industries
- Current algae production & manufacturing are supported by federal sponsors, incl. DOE-EERE, DOD
- Early adopters: “Green” shoppers, entities with sustainability focus
- Reap benefits of emerging carbon trading markets

# Solution: Seagoing Algae Biorefinery



Integrated sea-born harvesting & bioprocessing to capture resource viability window at the source

# Unique Value Proposition

- Brings manufacturing of algae commodities to the readily-available resource
- Regulatory hurdles are minimal because technology will combat important environmental & ecological problem (Dead Zones)
- No infrastructural modification required: Products are “drop-in” replacements for non-sustainable feedstocks, e.g. petroleum, fish meal, etc.
- Transformative approach for efficient adoption of algae products

<u>PROBLEM</u>	<u>SOLUTION</u>	<u>UNIQUE VALUE PROP</u>	<u>UNFAIR ADVANTAGE</u>	<u>CUSTOMER SEGMENTS</u>
<p>- Resource scarcity</p> <p>- Resource viability window</p> <p><b>Existing alternatives</b></p> <p>Non-sustainable, petroleum-based</p>	Seagoing algae biorefinery	<p>Brings production to the resource</p> <p>No current competition for resource</p>	IP for integrated conversion of algae into various products	<p>List your target customers and users</p> <p><b>Early adopters</b></p> <p>Sustainability-focused, consumers of home-grown commodities</p>
	<p><u>KEY METRICS</u></p> <p>Bioproduct yields</p> <p>Biomass capacity</p>	Get paid at both ends: take out the trash and make it into gold.	<p><u>CHANNELS</u></p> <p>Refiners, building materials</p>	
<u>COST STRUCTURE</u>		<u>REVENUE</u>		
Fixed costs: Shipbuilding and processing reactors integration		<p>Bio-based commodities: feeds, fuels, materials</p> <p>Environmental clean-up credits</p>		