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**KAAPA ETHANOL SCORES THREE-PEAT  
WITH BNSF PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP AWARD**

**MINDEN, Neb** – The safe transportation of hazardous materials by rail has earned KAAPA Ethanol of Minden the BNSF Product Stewardship Award for the third year in a row.

Despite shipping over 55 million gallons of ethanol by rail last year, not a single drop was released into the atmosphere. The Product Stewardship Award is given annually by BNSF, and shippers who transport a minimum of 500 loaded cars with zero releases not caused by collision or derailment are eligible. KAAPA Ethanol shipped more than 2,240 rail cars without incident in 2007.

“Ethanol is really an environmentally friendly product – so long as it’s handled correctly,” said Chuck Woodside, general manager of KAAPA Ethanol. “Safety and environmental compliance are at the forefront of our corporate goals. Winning this award is really just a demonstration of the quality and integrity of our employees.”

Woodside noted that although there are several hundred shippers served by BNSF nationwide, only 74 received the award. "I'm proud that KAAPA Ethanol was honored by being included on this list," Woodside said.

"BNSF is pleased that the number of customers who receive its Stewardship Award has grown throughout the years," said Katie Farmer, BNSF vice president, Industrial Products Sales. "The product stewardship from these 74 customers helps support the safety of our employees, the communities we serve and the environment."

The BNSF Product Stewardship Award was first implement in 1997.

*Founded in 2002 near Minden, NE, KAAPA Ethanol was one of the first ethanol projects in Nebraska, and is today the largest farmer-owned ethanol plant in the state, shipping more than 50 million gallons of product annually. KAAPA is committed to supporting farmers, growers and the environment through advancing agricultural innovation from a strong financial foundation, productive partnerships and scrupulous management of assets.*

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