

Houston company eyeing Port Allen for \$800 million renewable fuels plant

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A rendering of the Arbor Renewable Gas fuel facility being developed in Beaumont, Texas. Arbor announced Tuesday it is considering building a similar \$800 million facility in Port Allen. Rendering provided by Louisiana Economic Development

A Houston-based company is evaluating construction of an \$800 million manufacturing and distribution facility in Port Allen that would produce renewable gasoline and “green” hydrogen from wood waste and forest residue.

Arbor Renewable Gas would build its operations at the Port Allen Rail Terminal and use wood waste from timber operations in Louisiana and Mississippi. Louisiana Economic Development said the plant would create 32 direct jobs with an average annual salary of \$99,000, plus benefits. LED said the project would create at least 110 indirect jobs and up to 880 construction jobs at its peak.

Arbor Renewable said it selected the site at the rail terminal because it offers rail and highway accessibility, along with nearby timber operations.

LED officials said they could not speculate when Arbor Renewable Gas would make a final investment decision.

Construction is expected to begin in late 2023, with the first production unit in operation by the end of 2025. Two such units would be in the first phase, but Arbor said the plant could involve four units, which would bump up the investment to \$1.5 billion.