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Summary: The workshop will provide a foundation of knowledge for those interested in engaging in important discussions relating to carbon.

(January 13, 2011)-Carbon credits, carbon neutrality, carbon sequestration, carbon footprint, carbon emissions—terms heard daily by every person who picks up a newspaper, turns on a television, listens to a radio, or reads news and information online. Carbon is at the heart of major conversations taking place in Minnesota, the United States, and around the world. For those who would like to learn more about this elemental building block of life—arguably the most important atom on the planet—the University of Minnesota, Morris is offering a one-day workshop that will provide a foundation of knowledge for those interested in engaging in this important discussion.

Registration is now open for Carbon 101 to be held on Friday, January 14, 2011, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on the Morris campus. The daylong program will feature the language of carbon, the basic science of carbon, and the role of carbon in renewable energy production, as well as visits to working renewable energy sites for practical aspects. Participants will see carbon science in action—wind, biomass, manure/methane digester, wind to nitrogen fertilizer manufacturing, geothermal, photovoltaic, and solar.

Don Reicosky, retired USDA-ARS, North Central Soil Conservation Research Laboratory soil scientist and adjunct professor in the Soil, Water, and Climate Department at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul, will lead Carbon 101 participants through the day. His recent research has focused on carbon cycling, carbon management, and tillage impacts on soil carbon.

The \$50 registration fee includes lunch and transportation from the Morris campus to renewable energy sites. For more information, contact [Carrie Grussing](mailto:Carrie.Grussing@morris.umn.edu) at 320-589-6020, or register [online](#).

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