



Don't Let the EPA Gut the RFS

KEY POINTS

- ✓ Avoid a devastating RIN cap.
- ✓ Ask EPA to cease issuing unwarranted RFS small refinery compliance waivers.

NO RIN CAP. A RIN cap would hurt the biofuels industry and rural America. It would remove all incentive for higher blends of ethanol and abandon \$100 million of USDA infrastructure funding and private investments in E15 blends. Additionally, a RIN cap would devastate our already struggling rural economy and American farmers by shuttering an additional 270 million bushels of corn from the market.

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ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL: An extension of the RVP waiver to ethanol fuel blends above 10 percent would increase E15 sales, decrease overall RIN prices for oil refiners, lead to more corn use in the U.S. and help bring farm incomes up.

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NO MORE GRANTING UNWARRENTE RFS SMALL REFINERY COMPLIANCE WAIVERS.

Recently, the EPA has decided to award several unprecedented RFS waivers to small refineries that are neither small nor experiencing economic hardship. These waivers will completely exempt these small refineries from their RFS volume obligation, regardless of whether they meet the criteria necessary to even be considered for the waiver. The secretive, non-public process in which these waivers are being issued undermines the

intent of the RFS and exceeds far beyond what Congress had intended when they included this exemption in the RFS.

SOME ESTIMATE THAT THE ISSUING OF THESE WAIVERS WILL:

1. [Cut ethanol demand by 1.5 billion gallons](#)
2. [Reduce more than 500 million bushels of corn demand](#)

The EPA needs to immediately cease the careless issuing of these waivers and pause any waiver applications that are currently being considered until the EPA can demonstrate that the waivers are being properly administered in a manner that is consistent with the Congressional intent of the RFS.



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