



Don't Let the EPA Gut the RFS

KEY POINTS

Ask EPA to cease issuing unwarranted RFS small refinery compliance waivers, and reallocate all gallons that have been lost to unjustified waivers.

Export RINS would be harmful to American farmers, jobs, and our rural economy.

NO MORE GRANTING UNWARRENED 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.

EPA ISSUING these waivers has hit rural America hard by:

1. [Cutting ethanol demand by 2.25 billion gallons](#)
2. [Reducing more than 800 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 for the RFS.

EXPORT SUBSIDY RINs FOR BIOFUELS KILL INTERNATIONAL MARKETS.

Previously, both the president and his administration have publicly rejected the proposal of implementing export RINs for biofuels, as it has already been recognized that such a proposal would only hurt American jobs, farmers, and our rural economy. However, the oil industry continues to push for the administration to re-consider this proposal in their efforts to dismantle the RFS and the biofuels industry.

Export subsidy RINs are a bad idea. Such a proposal would hurt biofuels and American farmers, while being viewed as a subsidy by international markets with countries likely imposing countervailing duties [eradicating 1.4 billion gallons of ethanol exports](#).

ANALYSIS SHOWS that the impact export RINs for biofuels would have on America would include:

1. Corn losses of \$27.9 billion over the next four years
2. An immediate drop of corn prices by 56 cents per bushel
3. A reduction of 25,000 jobs supported by U.S. ethanol exports

It is crucial that the president and his administration do not go backwards and re-consider this already failed and rejected proposal. The president and the EPA should continue to halt any further RFS discussions relating to export subsidy RINs.