

PROTECT THE RENEWABLE FUEL STANDARD



The Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) must be protected to maintain a competitive fuel marketplace, deliver greater energy security, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. However, a lack of accountability at EPA for unwarranted small refinery exemptions (SREs) threatens the program's success by enriching oil companies at the expense of farmers, biofuel producers, and rural communities. The RFS reset must encourage continued growth for biofuels within our nation's fuel supply.

GROWTH ENERGY SUPPORTS:

- ✓ Asking EPA to cease issuing unwarranted Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) small refinery exemptions, and reallocate all gallons that have previously been lost to unjustified waivers.

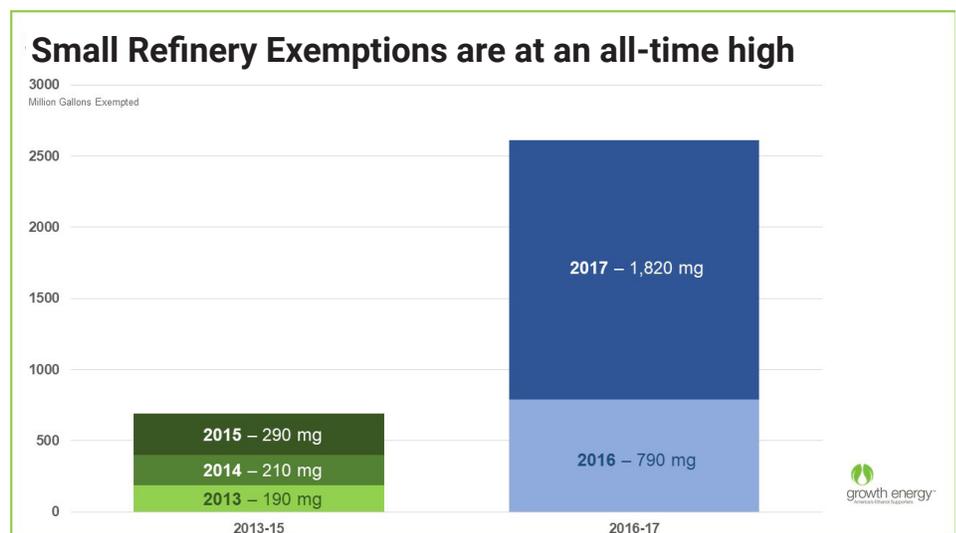
STOP EXCESSIVE GRANTING OF SMALL REFINERY EXEMPTIONS

EPA has awarded an unprecedented number of SREs that waive the blending requirements for refiners under the RFS. However, many of these refiners were neither "small," nor experiencing disproportionate economic hardship, as the law requires. The secretive, non-public process in which these waivers are being issued undermines the intent of Congress, which created the RFS to ensure greater market access for biofuels, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and shrink America's carbon footprint.

SMALL REFINERY EXEMPTIONS BY ADMINISTRATION

SOURCE: EPA 2019 Fuels Registration, Reporting, and Compliance Help, "RFS Small Refinery Exemptions", Mar. 2019

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GROWTH ENERGY SUPPORTS:

- ✓ An end to EPA's issuing of unwarranted small refinery exemptions
- ✓ A hold on any waiver applications currently under consideration
- ✓ A realignment to ensure that EPA waivers are properly administered in a manner that is consistent with the congressional intent of the RFS
- ✓ Reallocation of lost gallons to meet biofuel blending targets

EXCESSIVE SRES:

- ✗ Cut ethanol demand by more than 2.25 billion gallons
- ✗ Reduced demand for corn by more than 800 million bushels

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ACCELERATE PROGRESS WITH A FORWARD-LOOKING RFS RESET

Each year, the EPA set goals under the RFS that determine how much renewable energy will be available to consumers in year ahead. EPA biofuel targets did not meet the statutory goals in 2018-2019, triggering a more comprehensive evaluation or "reset." That means the next rule will not only encompass the 2020 blending targets, it also will set new RFS goalposts through 2022. Our goal for this process is simple: keep the RFS moving forward.

GROWTH ENERGY SUPPORTS:

- ✓ Continued growth in biofuel targets set by EPA, ensuring a growing role for homegrown energy in America's fuel mix, as Congress intended.

SIX CRITERIA FOR RFS RESET:



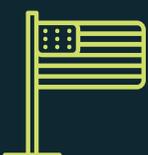
IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT



EXPECTED RATE OF FUTURE PRODUCTION



COST TO CONSUMERS



ENERGY SECURITY



INFRASTRUCTURE



OTHER FACTORS

such as job creation, impact on commodities prices, rural economic development, food prices