

THE ROAD TO HIGHER ETHANOL BLENDS



In 2019, EPA approved the sale of year-round E15, a fuel that can be used in 2001-model year cars and newer, which is more than 9 out of 10 cars on the road.

Federal and state biofuel infrastructure programs are key investments that expand market access for higher blends like E15, E85, E30, and beyond. The increase in higher blends provides more choices at the pump, lowers gas prices, and improves air quality. Legislation has also been introduced to build upon the success of the original Biofuels Infrastructure Partnership (BIP) and the newer Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIP).

HIGHER BLENDS INFRASTRUCTURE INCENTIVE PROGRAM (HBIIP)

To accelerate adoption across the country, USDA is allocating \$100 million in competitive HBIIP grants which is expected to grow the ethanol market to 15 billion gallons this year alone. The grants reduce expenses for businesses to install or upgrade fuel dispensers, storage tanks, and other equipment necessary to pump higher blends. Transportation fueling and distribution facilities are eligible to apply.

MAJOR RETAILERS COMMITTED TO HIGHER BLENDS



OUR ASK:

- Cosponsor H.R. 6671, the *Clean Fuels Deployment Act*
- Encourage USDA to continue implementing HBIIP in a timely fashion
- Support greater market access to higher octane midlevel ethanol blends to meet increasingly more stringent fuel economy standards (E15 and above).



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CURRENT E15 STATIONS

The United States is now home to 2,149 E15 stations in 30 states and consumers have already driven more than 14 billion miles on E15. HBIIP will build upon this success.

H.R. 6671: CLEAN FUELS DEPLOYMENT ACT OF 2020

U.S. Representatives Abby Finkenauer (D-Iowa), Angie Craig (D-Minn.), Roger Marshall (R-Kan.) and Don Bacon (R-Neb.) introduced the *Clean Fuels Deployment Act*. The legislation authorizes \$600 million over six years for the Department of Transportation to provide grants that will incentivize the deployment of fueling infrastructure for ethanol and biodiesel, with a focus on ethanol blends greater than 10 percent and biodiesel blends greater than 20 percent.