

RESTORE CERTAINTY TO THE RENEWABLE FUEL STANDARD



In a first test of administrative priorities, President Biden's EPA set 2022 RVO volumes at 15 billion gallons and restored the first 250 million gallons that had been illegally waived in the 2016 RVO. In addition, EPA halted all improper small refinery exemptions, a much needed certainty to the biofuels industry and the entire fuel supply chain.

While EPA failed to address bipartisan concerns about volume requirements for the 2020 and 2021 RVOs, the 2022 volumes underscore the critical role biofuels play – and will continue to play – in mitigating climate and lowering prices at the pump.

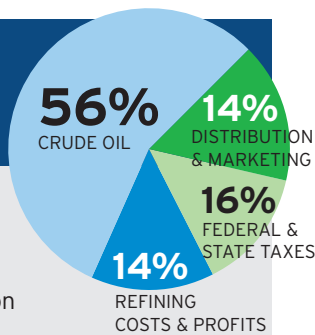
GROWTH ENERGY'S ASK

- Urge the Administration to hold refineries accountable to their blending obligations and ensure volumes are met in a timely manner.
- Going forward for the 2023 RVO and beyond, EPA should view the RFS as a key tool to address climate change and implement a timely, multi-year Set that puts the RFS back on track with conventional volumes at no less than 15 billion gallons and no excuses for non-compliance.

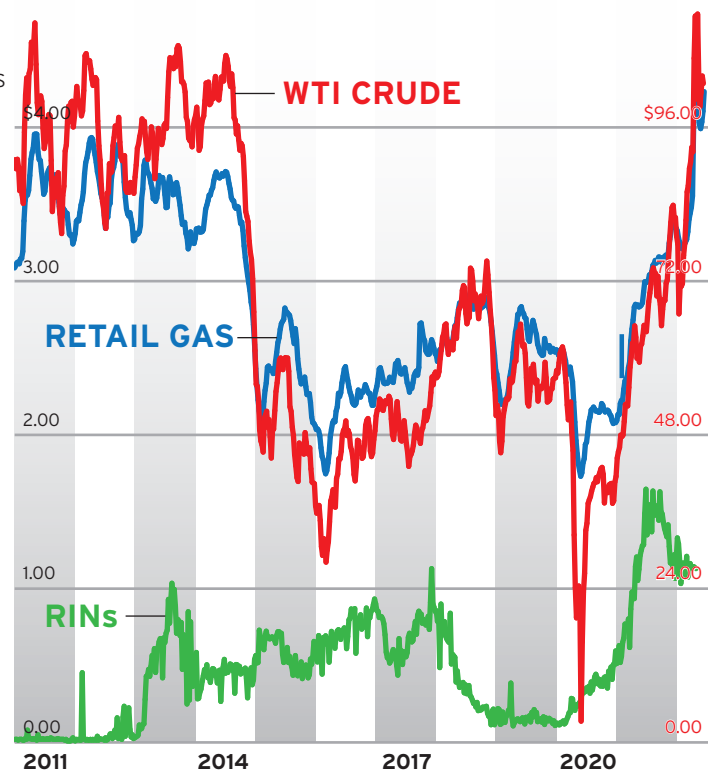
MAIN COMPONENTS OF THE RETAIL PRICE OF GASOLINE >>

According to world market data provided by EPA and EIA, gasoline prices are heavily dependent on crude prices. Renewable Identification Numbers (RINs) prices, a compliance mechanism established in the RFS, are independent from what retail stations charge at their stores. The RIN market is about supply and demand: if refiners want to bring down the cost of RINs, they should blend more biofuels. In fact, EIA states that the largest factor in gasoline prices is the cost of crude oil which made up 56% of the retail price of gas over the last ten years.

SOURCE: EIA, GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL UPDATE



DIRECT CORRELATION BETWEEN GAS AND CRUDE PRICES



SOURCE: EPA, EIA, EIA

RFS INTEGRITY THROUGH STRONG RVOs

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Advanced Biofuel (bg)	4.29	4.92	4.63	5.05	5.63
Cellulosic Biofuel (mg)	288	418	510	560	630
Biomass-Based Diesel (bg)	2.10	2.10	2.43 [†]	2.43 [†]	2.76
Implied Starch-based (bg)	15.00	15.00	12.50	13.32	15.00
Total Renewable Fuel (bg)	19.29	19.92	17.13	18.84	20.63

[†]Established in previous RFS rulemaking