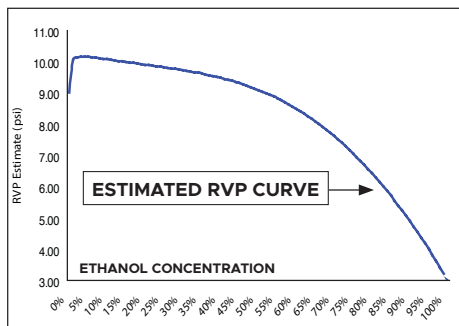


Ensure Year-Round Sales of E15

In 1990, Congress specified that fuel with 10 percent ethanol (E10 or regular) could be sold year-round to encourage use of ethanol-blended fuels, which provide significant reductions in tailpipe emissions. This Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) waiver for E10, however, predated the introduction of higher ethanol blends like E15, which have an even lower RVP. Despite having lower emissions than E10, low cost, low carbon E15 cannot be sold in the majority of states during the summer months, except temporarily through emergency waivers.



IMPACT OF E15 ON FUEL PRICES

As a result of the emergency waivers issued in 2022, 2023, and 2024, consumers choosing E15 experienced average cost savings of 10-30 cents per gallon, with some locations offering over \$1 off per gallon.

Passing legislation to allow E15 to be sold year-round could save \$20 billion+ in fuel costs each year.



GROWTH ENERGY'S ASK

ASK Enact legislation to permanently enable year-round sales of E15 (S.2707/H.R. 9885, Nationwide Consumer and Fuel Retailer Choice Act – 118th Congress).

ASK Encourage EPA to finish regulatory action that would revise the E15 labeling requirement and allow current refueling infrastructure that is compatible with E10 to be compatible with E15.

ASK Encourage EPA to issue an emergency waiver to prevent fuel supply shortages this summer if legislation to permanently allow year-round E15 sales does not pass by May 1.

ASK Ask EPA to implement the eight state Midwest Reid Vapor Pressure opt-out rule on time.

BENEFITS OF HIGHER BIOFUEL BLENDS

- Nationwide adoption of E15 would **save consumers \$20.6 billion** in annual fuel costs, put an additional \$36.3 billion in **income into the pockets of American families**, and generate \$66.3 billion **for the U.S. GDP.**
- **E15 and higher biofuel blends have lower evaporative emissions** than standard vehicle fuels.
- Higher biofuel blends are better for air quality, **reducing both greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants** like carbon monoxide.
- Ethanol **reduces greenhouse gas emissions by 46%** compared to gasoline.
- If the United States transitioned from E10 to E15 nationwide, greenhouse gas emissions would fall by 17.62 million tons per year, the **equivalent of removing 3.85 million vehicles from the road.**

REGULATORY & LEGAL MILESTONES

- 1990** Congress imposes RVP limits but grants an RVP waiver for E10
- 2009** E15 waiver filed with EPA
- 2011** EPA approves E15 for 2001 and newer cars
- 2019** EPA extends the RVP waiver to include E15
- 2019** AFPM challenges EPA rule
- 2021** D.C. Circuit ruling reverses EPA's waiver extension for E15
- 2022-24** EPA allows year-round E15 on an emergency basis
- 2025** State opt-outs to take effect in eight Midwestern states.

