

2026 Ethanol Policy Roadmap

Reduce Fuel Prices with E15

- Enact legislation to permanently allow year-round sales of E15 (S.593/H.R.1346: Nationwide Consumer and Fuel Retailer Choice Act).
- Encourage the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to finish regulatory action from the first Trump Administration that would revise burdensome E15 labeling requirements and allow current refueling infrastructure that is compatible with E10 to be compatible with E15.

Drive American Innovation Through Federal Tax Incentives

Treasury should keep the current proposed 45Z rulemaking intact, with the following modest changes:

- Allow the use of U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) proposed farm practices in conjunction with the GREET model's feedstock carbon intensity calculator to calculate credit value.
- Finish Provisional Emissions Rate (PER) regulation.
- Fix "qualifying sale" regulation to clarify documentation sufficient to establish a "qualified sale" in a manner consistent with the practicalities of the existing fuel distribution market.
- Finalize the addition of ASTM D8651 for undenatured ethanol within the definition of "low-GHG ethanol."
- Provide additional prevailing wage flexibility.
 - » Geographic flexibility for job classifications.
 - » Allow yearly (instead of quarterly) compliance.
- Adjust SAF certification process to ease potential administrative bottlenecks and complications.
- Further clarify anti-stacking provision.
- Change 45ZCF-GREET User Manual to allow carbon utilization to count as a CI reducing practice.

Rebuild the Farm Economy with a Robust Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS)

- Extend gratitude to the Trump administration and Congress for the strongest Renewable Volume Obligation (RVO) in the history of the RFS program.
- Prohibit unwarranted or illegal small refinery exemptions (SREs).
- Maintain EPA's policy that any SREs granted do not come at the expense of overall RVO requirements.
- Approve and complete RFS pathways including for corn oil from ethanol wet mills, ethanol produced with carbon capture, kernel fiber from grain sorghum, and corn starch alcohol-to-jet fuel.

Win Global Markets with American Ethanol

- Encourage U.S. trade diplomats to combat unfair trade barriers and tariffs imposed on American ethanol by competitors in Brazil, China, India, Europe, and Southeast Asia.
- Open new export opportunities for American ethanol by supporting higher blends in Canada, Japan, India, Mexico, and across the globe.

Unleash American Energy Dominance by Reducing Barriers to Private Investment

- Ask EPA to process Class VI underground injection control well permits within two years of receiving an application.

