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Summer Sunset over Lake Erie. Cleveland, location of the 2016 Republican Convention, just down the road to the west of this park where locals gather on lovely evenings to watch the sun sink into the inland sea.

Reminder - Advanced Biofuels USA Split Newsletter into Two Parts: *Conference Calendar*, which is sent separately; and *Policy, Legislation, Regulations and Happenings*--this one. All can be found archived on our [NEWS page](#). Watch for news about new newsletter formats and subscription options coming this fall.

Happenings on Capitol Hill, at the White House and in Federal Agencies

New Tags: [2016 US Presidential Campaign](#) and [2016 US House and Senate Campaigns](#)

**ELECTION
2016**

During the Presidential and Congressional campaign season, Advanced Biofuels USA is following comments by candidates to help **you** make sustainable renewable transportation fuels part of the 2016 campaign conversation. Click on these tags to keep in touch with the latest: [2016 US Presidential Campaign](#) and [2016 US House and Senate Campaigns](#). To find tags on [our website](#), just scroll down to the bottom of the right margin.

And, for August, some thoughts from Brent Erickson of the Biotechnology Innovation Organization: [August Is the Time to Reach Out and Meet Your Member of Congress](#): Members of Congress just returned to their home states and districts for the August recess to meet with constituents and campaign for the upcoming elections. You can be ...

MAKE YOUR THOUGHTS KNOWN! This is the year members of Congress listen especially well.

Latest Federal Legislation Posts



We follow proposed and actual federal legislation. Here are some key stories as we head to the final laps of this legislative session.

Key issues? [Renewable Fuel Standard](#)--Revisions and Repeal, [Biodiesel tax credits](#); and, for those diversifying into renewable/biochemicals or food products, articles about the Toxic Substances Control Act ([TSCA](#)) and [GMOs](#).

For more legislative news, [click here](#).

We also follow [policy developments](#) in the US, other countries and states. For more information on those topics, click on the name of the country or state that appears along the right margin of our website at www.AdvancedBiofuelsUSA.org.

[The Renewable Fuel Standard: Working as Intended?](#)

August 12, 2016 – 5:00 pm |

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[Climate Change Risk Threatens 18 U.S. Military Sites: Study](#)

August 1, 2016 – 1:04 pm |

by Valerie Volcovici (Reuters) Rising sea levels due to hurricanes and tidal flooding intensified by climate change will put military bases along the U.S. East Coast and Gulf Coast at risk, according to a report ...

[\[Exclusive\] Bioenergy Industry Consultant Critiques Scientists' Letter to Congress](#)

August 1, 2016 – 12:31 pm |

by Josh Schlossberg (The Biomass Monitor) A white paper by a bioenergy industry consulting firm critiques a recent letter sent to Congress by 65 U.S. scientists opposing a carbon neutral "biomass" amendment to an energy policy ...

[ABC: Bill Signals Building Support for Nutrient Recycling, Biogas](#)

July 25, 2016 – 6:26 pm |

(American Biogas Council/Biomass Magazine) Last week, Sens. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, and Pat Robert, R-Kan., introduced new bipartisan legislation, the Agriculture Environmental Stewardship Act (S 3248). This latest bill is a companion to identical House legislation ...

[All Smoke, No Fire on RFS Reform, Repeal Efforts](#)

July 25, 2016 – 11:15 am |

by Bob Dinneen (Renewable Fuels Association/Ethanol Producer Magazine) While Congress will be preoccupied with other legislative issues as it winds down this session, the RFA will continue to be on guard, hitting back at misinformation ...

[Inside EPA Reports On Loss Of Green Chemistry Provision From TSCA Reform](#)

July 22, 2016 – 1:09 pm |

by Lynn L. Bergeson (Bergeson & Campbell/BRAG) On July 1, 2016, Inside EPA published "Committee Jurisdiction Issues Blocked Green Chemistry From TSCA Reform," an article discussing the passage of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) law and ...

[People Want GMO Food Labeled — Which Is Pretty Much All They Know about GMOs](#)

July 21, 2016 – 7:39 pm |

by Chelsea Harvey (The Washington Post) After years of fierce debate involving scientists, food manufacturers, farmers and environmental groups, Congress has passed a bill that would make it mandatory to inform consumers about the GMOs ...

[Carbon Capture and Utilization Act Would Support Algae Technologies](#)

July 21, 2016 – 6:58 pm |

(Algae Biomass Organization) Rhode Island Senator Sheldon Whitehouse and five of his Senate colleagues introduced today the Carbon Capture and Utilization Act of 2016, a bill that will provide provide tax credit support for algae ...

[US Senate Introduces Bill to Extend Biodiesel Tax Credit, Moves towards Producers' Credit](#)

July 21, 2016 – 3:59 pm |

(Biofuels International) The US Senate has introduced a bill to extend the \$1/gallon biodiesel tax credit through 2019 and to transform it from a blenders' credit to a domestic production credit.

The bill mirrors a House ...

Latest on Federal Regulation



Hot regulatory topics continue to be the [Renewable Fuel Standard](#), including calls for 'obligated party' reform and further discussion of EPA's distribution waiver/[blend wall](#) in determining renewable volume obligations ([RVO](#)).

Big Oil goes on the offensive with a new ad campaign which nourishes continued attempts to address popular myths. And the spike and decline of [RINs prices](#) spurs comment.

The [value of ethanol's octane](#) and its ability to replace carcinogenic aromatics also get attention again this month.

Scroll down for information about regulations related to these topics and others among our [latest postings](#). Others you'll find in the [Federal Regulations](#) category online.

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[Our View: Ethanol: Politics May Change, but Realities Don't](#)

August 12, 2016 – 12:04 pm |

(Mankato Free Press) Why It Matters: Ethanol as a clean energy has come under criticism but the pollution caused by fossil fuels remains the reality. — ... First, environmentalists complained we were paying farmers too much ...

[EPA's 11th Birthday Is Something to Celebrate](#)

August 12, 2016 – 11:49 am |

by Rachel Gantz (Renewable Fuels Association) On Monday, Aug. 8, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPA's) celebrated its 11th anniversary. Not on a first name basis with acronyms? It's the law that gave us ...

[Moving RFS Obligation Would Cut Biofuel Use, Raise Fuel Prices: NATSO](#)

August 12, 2016 – 10:38 am |

by Jeff Barber (OpisNet.com) Shifting the point of obligation under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) from fuel refiners and importers to blenders would reduce competition at the rack and lead to lower renewable fuel use ...

[In Pitting Biofuels against the Environment, Only Clear Winner Is Oil](#)

August 11, 2016 – 7:10 pm |

by Jessie Stolark (The Hill/Environmental and Energy Study Institute) ... The total amount of U.S. land under production by American farmers is down— not just over the last 50 or 100 years, but also over the last decade according ...

[API Ads Target RFS: RFS Reform, Repeal Efforts Continue](#)

August 11, 2016 – 6:47 pm |

by Todd Neeley (DTN The Progressive Farmer) ... Yet Trump gave an economic speech Monday in Detroit in which he touted boosting domestic oil and gas production and made no references to renewable energy. Trump cited ...

[California Congressional Delegation Urges EPA to Drop Distribution Waivers from RFS](#)

August 11, 2016 – 11:30 am |

by Ilari Kauppila (Biofuels International) The California Congressional delegation has added its voice to the crowd urging the

US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to increase its proposed biofuel obligations for 2017.

In an open letter addresses to ...

Oil Group to Advertise for Reforms to EPA's Biofuel Mandate

August 10, 2016 – 7:21 pm |

by Kyle Feldscher (The Washington Examiner) The oil industry is planning to make a major advertising push in a wide swath of states against the Environmental Protection Agency's Renewable Fuel Standard in the coming weeks. Frank ...

As Price of Biofuel Credits Spike, Refiners Suspect Market Manipulation

August 8, 2016 – 1:30 pm |

by James Osborne (Houston Chronicle) Earlier this year Jack Lipinski, chief executive of the Sugar Land refiner CVR Energy, flew to Washington to plead his case to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. His problem: the ...

GM, Honda Execs Agree: Higher Octane Gas Needed to Optimize ICE Efficiency

August 7, 2016 – 11:48 am

by Lindsay Brooke (SAE International) Raising the octane level of pump gasoline in the U.S. is integral to optimizing advanced combustion engines now in development, said GM and Honda executives at the 2016 CAR Management Briefing ...

Does the U.S. EPA Not Want Biofuels?

August 5, 2016 – 5:07 pm |

by Nathan Vander Griend (ERI Solutions, Inc./Lee Enterprises Consulting/Biofuels Digest) The United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) mission is to protect human health and the environment. They are charged with delivering on that mission by ...

Trump Should Push Biofuels on Corn Belt Swing, Santorum Says

August 5, 2016 – 4:17 pm |

by Jennifer A Dlouhy (Bloomberg) Republican nominee Trump backs U.S. Renewable Fuel Standard; Tactic would exploit a Clinton weakness, Rick Santorum says — Donald Trump's campaign swing through the Corn Belt on Friday should include a ...

US, Brazil Demonstrate What's Possible

August 5, 2016 – 2:54 pm |

by Leticia Phillips (UNICA/Ethanol Producer Magazine) UNICA wants to focus the discussion on the importance of advanced biofuels, like sugarcane ethanol. The RFS is one of the world's most ambitious programs promoting biofuels and a key ...

Blend Wall Crumbles in Retailers' Eyes

August 5, 2016 – 2:26 pm |

by Ron Lamberty (Ethanol Producer Magazine) There is no such thing as a 10 percent blend wall unless petroleum marketers don't allow a choice. Independent retailers are demonstrating the blend wall can be breached. — ...

Sulfur Compounded in Ethanol Regulations

August 5, 2016 – 12:59 pm |

by Susanne Retka Schill (Ethanol Producer Magazine) As the Tier 3 deadline approaches, it's important to understand the difference between EPA and ASTM treatments of the element. — The U.S. EPA's Tier 3 rules are not ...

SD Farmers Union Pumps E-30 Ethanol Blend in Pierre for a While

August 4, 2016 – 11:30 am |

by Stephen Lee (South Dakota Capital Journal) South Dakota Farmers Union representatives were out hustling higher-ethanol-blend gasoline Wednesday for a couple hours at a Pierre Sinclair station. "We want to bring attention to the benefits ...

[The Pew Charitable Trusts Advocates for Strong Fuel Efficiency Standards](#)

August 4, 2016 – 11:15 am |

(The Pew Charitable Trusts) ... Federal agencies are evaluating the standards that apply to model year (MY) 2022-25 passenger vehicles and will determine whether the auto industry is capable of meeting these long-term criteria. It is ...

[Report: Clinton Talking about RFS Alternative](#)

August 4, 2016 – 10:45 am |

by Ed Tibbetts (Quad City Times) A new report saying that Hillary Clinton's campaign has talked with California officials about how the Renewable Fuel Standard might be revamped is drawing criticism from a top Republican ...

[CEI Releases Another Anti-#RFS Report](#)

August 3, 2016 – 2:21 pm |

by Joanna Schroeder (Energy.AgWired.com) A new report released this week by the Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI) is arguing that the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) should be repealed for its "numerous economic, ethical and real-world problems". ...

[Our View: Ethanol: Politics May Change, but Realities Don't](#)

August 3, 2016 – 12:22 pm |

(Mankato Free Press) Why It Matters: Ethanol as a clean energy has come under criticism but the pollution caused by fossil fuels remains the reality. — The politics of green energy have evolved over the ...

[Franken Keeps Pushing RFS](#)

August 3, 2016 – 12:06 pm |

by Mark Dorenkamp (Brownfield Ag News) A U.S. Senator from Minnesota says bipartisan efforts continue to restore the Renewable Fuel Standard to its original statute.

Al Franken tells Brownfield he and other lawmakers have met frequently with ...

[EPA Sets Stage for Regulating Airplane Emissions](#)

August 2, 2016 – 7:13 pm |

by Devin Henry (The Hill) Regulators have formally concluded greenhouse gas emissions from airplanes pose a threat the environment, the first step toward new federal rules.

The moved, called an "endangerment finding," from the Environmental Protection ...

[Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval: Comment Request: Cellulosic Production Volume Projections and Efficient Producer Reporting](#)

August 2, 2016 – 1:58 pm |

(Federal Register/Environmental Protection Agency) The Environmental Protection Agency has submitted an information collection request (ICR), "Cellulosic Production Volume Projections and Efficient Producer Reporting" (EPA ICR No. 2551.01, OMB Control No. 2060-NEW) to the Office of ...

[EPA, CFTC Asked to Investigate Alleged Manipulation in Biofuels Market](#)

August 1, 2016 – 8:10 pm |

by Alex Guillén (Politico Pro) The Renewable Fuels Association today asked the Commodity Futures Trading Commission

and EPA to investigate whether anyone is manipulating the market for a key biofuels compliance credit to drum up ...

Bloomberg Gets Duped by Anti-RFS Crowd

August 1, 2016 – 2:17 pm |

by Geoff Cooper (Renewable Fuels Association) Here we go again. We didn't think it could get much worse than the Associated Press hit piece on ethanol in late 2013. But an ethanol hatchet job by ...

How To Make Biofuel Policy Work

August 1, 2016 – 2:08 pm |

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As Jeff Turrentine, culture ...

Biofuel Blunder? Renewable Fuel Mandate Is Having a Negative Effect on Home Run Totals

August 1, 2016 – 1:55 pm |

by Marc J. Rauch (The Auto Channel) Biofuel mandate was supposed to fix everything, but no one has hit over 60 home runs in the past 15 years — I just finished reading an anti-ethanol Bloomberg editorial ...

Hillary Clinton's Climate and Energy Policies. Explained

August 1, 2016 – 1:38 pm |

by David Roberts (Vox) ... I'm going to break this down as a series of numbered lists — not one, not two, but five lists of three:

The three key facts the campaign took as starting points

The three ...

Small Fuel Retailers Push EPA to Change RFS Obligation

August 1, 2016 – 11:05 am |

by Alex Guillén (Politico Morning Energy) A newly-formed group of small fuel retailers is adding to the calls for EPA to shift responsibility for complying with the Renewable Fuel Standard, which currently is the responsibility ...

Don't Weaken Obama's Fuel Economy Standards

July 26, 2016 – 11:20 am |

by Varun Sivaram (Politico/Council on Foreign Relations) When the Obama administration released its ambitious fuel economy rules for new vehicles in 2012, the economic rationale behind the standards was obvious. The price of oil hovered ...

White House Takes Aim at a Fast-Growing Source of Emissions: Airplanes

July 26, 2016 – 10:53 am |

by Brady Dennis (The Washington Post) ... The EPA issued a scientific assessment known as an "endangerment finding," which determined that emissions from certain kinds of plane engines contribute to pollution that fuels climate change and creates health ...

Angling for Ethanol

July 25, 2016 – 5:25 pm |

by Brian Sowers (Crappie Masters TV/ODU Magazine) ... The truth is that ethanol blends are ideal for watercraft, and companies like Kawasaki, Mercury Marine, OMC, Pleasurecraft, Tigershark, Tracker, Honda, and Yamaha all approve the use of ...

Forty Senators Call for Higher Biodiesel Targets in RFS

July 21, 2016 – 3:52 pm |

(National Biodiesel Board) Lawmakers Ask EPA to Boost Volumes in Pending Proposal — Forty U.S. senators from across the country Thursday called on the EPA to strengthen biodiesel volumes in the pending Renewable Fuel Standard ...

BIO Submits Comments on Proposed 2017 Renewable Fuel Standards

July 20, 2016 – 4:03 pm |

(Biotechnology Innovation Organization) The Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO), on behalf of its member companies, ... submitted comments on the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed Renewable Fuel Standards for 2017, and the biomass-based diesel volume for 2018. ...

Plant Scientists Study Interactions between GMOs and the Environment

July 19, 2016 – 9:42 pm |

(University of Connecticut) ... The research team is led by professor emerita Carol Auer and supported by a grant from the Biotechnology Risk Assessment Grant Program, an initiative of the USDA's National Institute of Food and ...

PODCAST: How Does the Renewable Fuel Standard Affect Me?

July 19, 2016 – 3:04 pm |

(National Association of Convenience Stores) The Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), has been around for more than a decade. Today, ethanol comprises about 10% of the total fuel sold in the United States, but there are ...

Biofuel Governors Tout E30

July 19, 2016 – 2:59 pm |

by Chris Clayton (DTN Progressive Farmer) Coalition Sees Opportunity in Higher Fuel Economy Standards — Leaders and founders of the Governors' Biofuels Coalition see a push for higher fuel-economy standards as the next opportunity to ...

Vehicle Rules Will Fall Short on Emissions, Fuel Savings, Agencies Say

July 18, 2016 – 6:59 pm |

by Alex Guillén (Politico Pro) U.S. vehicle efficiency rules won't deliver the carbon reductions or fuel savings President Barack Obama promised in his first term because cheap gasoline has set off a buying spree of ...

Latest in Federal Litigation



Federal litigation news sometimes overlaps with Federal Regulation items, so check both sections.

Find more items about federal litigation on our website, click [here](#).

Three U.S. States Plan Lawsuits over Volkswagen Diesel Pollution

July 19, 2016 – 12:08 pm | by David Shepardson (Reuters) Three U.S. states plan to unveil new lawsuits against Volkswagen AG (VOWG_p.DE) on Tuesday tied to the automaker's sale of diesel vehicles with emissions-cheating software, even after they announced settlements with ...

Advanced Biofuels USA Current Policy Analyses and Suggestions

Disappearing Fee on Non-Renewable Carbon Emissions

On occasion, Advanced Biofuels USA develops policy analyses and suggestions. Over the past year, our focus has been on how to even the playing field among fossil fuels and renewables; how to recognize costs of externalities such as environmental damage; and how to weigh in on conversations about carbon taxes.

One suggestion we have proposed is a fee on the non-renewable portion of transportation fuel; a fee that would NOT apply to the renewable portions of the fuel. We believe this will both create a revenue source for research, development and deployment of renewable fuels AND give market-based incentives for transitioning to renewables.

Most recently, BioFuelNet Canada published a summary of these ideas in their blog post: <http://www.biofuelnet.ca/2016/06/21/disappearing-non-renewable-carbon-user-fee/>

After the Fall: Rebuilding US Liquid Fuel Production – Invest in Our Land or the Shale Oil Fields?

Every day that oil prices remain below the approximately \$55/barrel breakeven point to produce US shale oil, the probability of restarting the US shale oil industry with private capital decreases. Not only are oil service industry companies going out of business and laying off well-paid workers (oil well drilling is running at about 29% of the 2014 maximum, 467 versus 1609 rigs), but the industrial infrastructure is closing down as well.

When world oil prices return to levels that would make fracking oil drilling profitable, should the US government pay Wall Street for their bad bets of over \$200 billion while also providing financing to the drillers to restore US liquid fuel production of 2-3 million barrels/day?

Or, should the US invest a small portion of the past debt bailout in a US advanced renewable biofuel industry that would be more sustainable, significantly reduce GHG emissions, and create and retain more jobs than the boom-and-bust US oil industry?

Robert Kozak explores three strong arguments for the US to invest in the biobased renewable fuel industry to produce these liquid fuels instead of restarting shale oil production with US taxpayer money. <http://advancedbiofuelsusa.info/after-the-fall-rebuilding-us-liquid-fuel-production-invest-in-our-land-or-the-shale-oil-fields-part-2-of-2/>

More Educational Resources

Presentations for Public Use



Just a reminder: In the [Biofuels Basics](#) section of the Advanced Biofuels USA website, you can find PowerPoint presentations for use "as is" or as resources for your own slide show.

Educational News

Scoring with Personal Connections

by Ann Bailey (Ethanol Producer Magazine) ... "Let's encourage an earnest conversation with consumers about how ethanol makes life a little better and why they can feel good about their decisions at the pump," (Growth ...

RFA Board Member Educates Bikers on #Ethanol

by Chuck Zimmerman (Energy.AgWired.com) Dana Siefkes-Lewis ... is the Chief Administrative Officer for Redfield Energy, an ethanol plant in Redfield, SD. She is also the President of the South Dakota Ethanol Producers Association, board member ...

@EthanolRFA Offers Online #Ethanol Emergency Course

by Joanna Schroeder (Energy.AgWired.com) For first responders unable to attend in-person training courses, the Renewable Fuels Association (RFA) is now offering an online version of its Ethanol Emergency Response course. Offered in partnership with the ...

Indonesian Student Discovers Ethanol-Producing Bacteria in Mount Ijen

(AntaraNews.com) An Indonesian student from the University of Surabaya Kenny Jeremia has found bacteria and fungi in Mount Ijen's crater that can serve as a substitute for molasses to manufacture ethanol for the renewable energy ...

Getting Community College Students into the Lab with Green Chemistry

(Green Chemistry: The Nexus Blog) During the GC&E conference in June, we had a chance to catch up with Rick Glover, a chemistry teacher at Bellevue College in Washington State. In an interview, he discussed ...

Collegiate Biobased Network

(Soybiobased.org) Collegiate Biobased Network, a no-cost professional development organization. See what schools and

universities are doing with biobased. The CBN's mission is to inform college and university students about opportunities with biobased products and to connect ...

[Energy Department Grants \\$2.5M for Biorefinery Waste Use, Renewable Bioproduct Study](#)

by Kathleen Phillips (AgriLife Today) The U.S. Department of Energy has granted \$2.5 million for a Texas A&M AgriLife Research study to find ways to use biorefinery waste to make new, marketable products.

"In the biorefinery field, ...

[Plant Scientists Study Interactions between GMOs and the Environment](#)

(University of Connecticut) ... The research team is led by professor emerita Carol Auer and supported by a grant from the Biotechnology Risk Assessment Grant Program, an initiative of the USDA's National Institute of Food and ...

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Scholarships and Competitions

[NIFA Announces \\$3.1 Million in Available Funding to Train the Next Generation of Agricultural Leaders](#)

(U.S. Department of Agriculture) The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) today announced the availability of \$3.1 million to train the next generation of agricultural leaders. This funding is ...

[Ciba Travel Awards in Green Chemistry](#)

This annual green chemistry award sponsors the participation of students—from high school through graduate school—to attend an American Chemical Society (ACS) technical meeting, conference, or training program, having a significant green chemistry or sustainability component. ...

[CBMNet Funding Announcements; Includes Undergraduate Vacation Scholarships](#) Various deadlines (Crossing Biological Membranes Network) At CBMNet we foster collaborations between academia and industry to tackle research challenges in Industrial Biotechnology and Bioenergy (IBBE).

We are working to understand the mechanisms by which substances are transported into, ...

[The Young African Leaders Initiative \(YALI\)](#) is a signature effort to invest in the next generation of African leaders. President Obama launched YALI in 2010 to support young African leaders as they spur growth and prosperity, strengthen democratic governance, and enhance peace and security across Africa.

The **[Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders](#)** brings 500 dynamic young African leaders, ages 25-35, from across the continent to the United States for 6 weeks of leadership training and mentoring at twenty U.S. universities and colleges in three areas: business and entrepreneurship, civic engagement and public administration. In 2014, the Fellows were also hosted in Washington, D.C. for a three-day Presidential Summit featuring a Town Hall with President Obama. Following their in-depth academic coursework and leadership training, some Fellows remained in the United States

to participate in eight-week professional internships with American NGOs, private companies, and governmental offices. Selected from nearly 50,000 applications, participants in the 2014 Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders represent the extraordinary promise of an emerging generation of entrepreneurs, activists, and public officials. Upon returning to their home countries, the Fellows have access to professional development opportunities, mentoring, networking and training, and seed funding to support their ideas, businesses, and organizations.

Grant Opportunities

For a list of grant opportunities, [CLICK HERE](#).

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