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2020 Election Activities

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Here are a few examples:

[With 2020 Looming, Trump Weighs Boosting Farmers at Refineries' Expense](#)

by James Osborne (Houston Chronicle) The future of an exemption shielding oil refining companies from a federal mandate that they blend corn-based ethanol into the nation's fuel supply is looking increasingly uncertain ... July 8, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[Decision 2020 Bioeconomy – 25 Declared Presidential Candidates and How They Stand on the Bioeconomy](#)

by Jim Lane (Biofuels Digest) Who's best for you? Who's best for us? Who supports what you do, and how strongly? In this guide, we've looked at the policies and activities ...July 3, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[Senator Amy Klobuchar Releases Plan of More Than 100 Actions for Her First 100 Days as President](#)

by @AmyForAmerica (Medium.com) U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar released a plan outlining the more than 100 concrete steps she will take in her first 100 days as President of the United States to take on the biggest challenges we face at home and abroad. ... Through executive action, Senator Klobuchar will begin to ...June 19, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

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Policy: US and International

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Federal Legislation



Senator Marco Rubio's legislation expressing concern about China's control of [rare earth metals](#) should serve to bring to broader attention the wisdom of relying on rare earth metals for transportation as well as for the batteries in other essentials of modern life (computers??).

Much of the [carbon capture and use](#) legislation favors oil/gas markets for that "use".

[Tax credit](#) extenders and other tax legislation are getting attention, as are [carbon tax/cost/price](#).

And various efforts to reform the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), particularly to address the [small refinery exemptions](#) (SREs), are in the news.

For more legislative news (including Executive Orders), [click here](#). Scroll down for Regulations and Litigation news.

[On to Conference: The Annual Defense Policy Bill, H.R. 2500 \(116\)](#)

by Kelsey Tamborrino (Politico's Morning Energy) The annual defense policy bill, H.R. 2500 (116) , passed Friday by the House

now heads to conference, where lawmakers will have to work out their differences and overcome objections from the White House — particularly on toxic PFAS contamination. ... The ... Act would also July 15, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[Senators Markey and Van Hollen Introduce Legislation to Create a National Climate Bank](#)

(Office of Senator Ed Markey (D-MA)) Will leverage \$35 billion in public funds to fund as much as \$700 billion in total investment into projects that support clean energy, reduce emissions — Senators Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.) and Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.), members of the Environment and Public Works Committee, today introduced ... July 12, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[Marco Rubio Introduces Bill to Combat China's Rare Earth Monopoly](#)

by Megan Henney (Fox Business) Sen. Marco Rubio introduced legislation on Thursday intended to boost American competitiveness in processing critical rare-earth minerals after China signaled it could weaponize its dominance in the sector in the midst of the year-long trade war. The Florida Republican's plan, named the RE-Coop 21st Century Manufacturing Act, would establish a privately funded operated ...July 12, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[Republicans Form Conservation Caucus to Take on Environment, Climate Change](#)

by Rebecca Beitsch (The Hill) Republicans on Wednesday launched an environment-minded conservation caucus aimed at battling the perception that their party doesn't care about climate change. Dubbed the Republican Roosevelt Conservation Caucus after National Park Service founder President Teddy Roosevelt, the bicameral group lists public land access, water quality and ocean ... July 12, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[New Coalition Working on SAF: The Digest's 2019 Multi-Slide Guide to AFCC](#)

by Jim Lane (Biofuels Digest) Alternative Fuels & Chemicals Coalition advocates for public policy to promote the development and production of alternative fuels and chemicals, especially sustainable aviation fuels. It's a collaborative government affairs effort formed just months ago in January 2019 and organized by Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton & American ... July 11, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[Bernie Sanders and AOC Want Congress to Declare a National Emergency over Climate Change](#)

by Tara Golshan (Vox) Climate activists around the world are pushing governments to treat global warming as an emergency. — ... On Tuesday, they got three prominent progressive allies in the United States to publicly join their cause: Sen. Bernie

Sanders (I-VT) and Reps. Alexandria Ocasio Cortez (D-NY) and Earl Blumenauer (D-OR). The lawmakers ... July 10, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[Rooney Introduces Bill to Repeal the RFS](#)

by Erin Voegele (Ethanol Producer Magazine) Rep. Francis Rooney, R-Fla., introduced legislation June 21 that aims to eliminate the Renewable Fuel Standard. Rooney cited the impact of ethanol on boat engines and the U.S. EPA's rule to allow year-round E15 sales as the reasons for his action. The legislation, titled ...July 2, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[Bill Aims to Extend Biofuel, Bioenergy Tax Credits through 2020](#)

by Erin Voegele (Biomass Magazine) Rep. Mike Thompson, D-Calif., chairman of the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, introduced the Taxpayer Certainty and Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2019 on June 18. The bill extends several biofuel- and bioenergy-related tax credits. ... According to information provided by Thompson's ...July 2, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[Mayors Approve Resolution Pressing for Carbon Pricing in Congress](#)

by Josh Siegel (Washington Examiner) Mayors gathering for their annual meeting Monday approved a resolution urging

Congress to pass carbon pricing legislation. It's the first time the United States Conference of Mayors voted on a carbon pricing resolution. At least a few Republican mayors supported the proposal, although the vote tally was still ...July 2, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[In Lobbying Battle for Electric Vehicle Tax Credit, It's Car Makers vs. the Oil and Gas Industry](#)

by Dino Grandoni and Steven Mufson (Washington Post) ... GM, like a fleet of other car manufacturers, is seeking the extension of a tax break that has for a decade helped sustain the sale of cars that need little to no gasoline to run. This has triggered an intense lobbying battle with oil and ... June 26, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[King Introduces Bills Protecting RFS from Small Refinery Exemptions](#)

(Office of Congressman Steve King (R-IA-4th) Legislation Recovers Volume Lost to Waivers by Increasing RFS Requirement Gallon -for-Gallon — Congressman Steve King releases this statement following his introduction of two bills that are designed to protect the volume requirements in the Renewable Fuels Standard from being undermined by the Environmental Protection Agency's .. June 25, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[Proposed Legislation Would Extend Biodiesel Tax Incentive](#)

by Cindy Zimmerman (Energy.AgWired.com) House Ways and Means Select Revenue Measures Subcommittee Chairman Mike Thompson (D-CA) has introduced legislation to extend expired tax incentives, including the biodiesel tax incentive, which is scheduled for mark up Thursday June 20. The proposal would provide U.S. biodiesel producers certainty through 2020 and incentivize investment ... June 19, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[Sens. Coons, Moran, Reps. Thompson, Estes Introduce Bipartisan, Bicameral Legislation to Level the Playing Field for Clean Energy](#)

(Office of Senator Chris Coons (D-DE)) Financing Our Energy Future Act would give clean energy projects access to a tax advantage currently available only to oil, gas, and coal projects — U.S. Senators Chris Coons (D-DE) and Jerry Moran (R-KS) and Representatives Mike Thompson (D-CA-05) and Ron Estes (R-KS-04) re-introduced bipartisan legislation to level ... June 19, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[Bill Aims to Extend MLPs to Bioenergy, Biofuel Projects](#)

by Erin Voegele (Biomass Magazine) Sens. Chris Coons, D-Del., and Jerry Moran, R-Kan., and Reps. Mike Thompson, D-Calif., and Ron Estes, R-Kan., reintroduced bipartisan legislation June 13 that aims to give investors in clean energy projects

access to the use of master limited partnerships (MLPs). A MLP is a business ... June 17, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

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Federal Regulation



[Small refinery exemptions](#) and resulting "demand destruction" remain hot topics--not only legislative, but also regulatory and federal [litigation](#) issues.

[CAFE/SAFE](#) and California regulations are heating up again. State/region-oriented [Low Carbon Fuel Standard](#)-type strategies are bubbling up. And frustration with EPA RFS [pathways](#), particularly electric pathways and [eRINs](#) are in the news

And the ever-popular coverage of "oil vs corn" as if the world of biofuels starts and stops with corn ethanol and advanced biofuels are irrelevant (or at least unheard of).

See also articles in [Legislation](#) and [Litigation](#) for overlapping topics.

[Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum of Ethanol Opposition at It Again](#)

by Marc J. Rauch (The Auto Channel) ... Last October 18th, the Washington Examiner published an editorial written by Carter and Miller titled, "Consumers Will Suffer The Hangover From Trump's Ethanol Binge." Two days later I responded with an editorial titled, "Failed Ethanol Critic Takes Another Shot... But Misses Once Again." My response set...July 15, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[A Political 'Fight to the Knife' over Ethanol Comes to Wisconsin](#)

by Chris Hubbuch (Wisconsin State Journal) ... "There's (a) civil war within the Republican Party," said Scott Irwin, chairman of agricultural marketing at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. "It's pitting two significant Republican constituencies of the president and neither one is now in a position to issue any kinds of ...July 15, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[Trump Administration Suspends Obama-Era Fuel Efficiency Penalties](#)

by Jessica Campisi (The Hill) The Trump administration announced late Friday that it will formally suspend an Obama-era regulation that penalized automakers that didn't meet fuel-efficiency requirements, Reuters reports. After Congress ordered federal agencies to adjust existing penalties in 2015, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) issued rules that more than...July 15, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[Corporate Average Fuel Economy Standards / Greenhouse Gas Standards](#)

by Caitlin McCoy, Robin Just (Harvard University Environmental and Energy Law Program) The Environmental & Energy Law Program is tracking the environmental regulatory rollbacks of the Trump administration. ... The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in the Department of Transportation (DOT) has set fuel efficiency standards for cars and light trucks...July 15, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[Republicans Form Conservation Caucus to Take on Environment, Climate Change](#)

by Rebecca Beitsch (The Hill) Republicans on Wednesday launched an environment-minded conservation caucus aimed at battling the perception that their party doesn't care about climate change. Dubbed the Republican Roosevelt Conservation Caucus after National Park Service founder President Teddy Roosevelt, the bicameral group lists public land access, water quality and ocean...July 12, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[Trump Intervention Delaying EPA Biofuel Waiver Action, Sources Say](#)

by Humeyra Pamuk (Reuters) U.S. President Donald Trump's request for a review of the administration's expanded use of biofuel waivers for oil refiners is holding up its decisions on 2018

applications, according to three sources familiar with the matter, two of whom said Trump may soon host a meeting on the ...July 11, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[NBB Tells EPA, Stop Damaging the Biodiesel Industry](#)

by Donnell Rehagen (National Biodiesel Board/Biofuels Digest) This year has been brutal for the biodiesel industry. As if the absence of the biodiesel tax credit wasn't enough of a challenge, these unjust retroactive small refinery waivers are destroying the biodiesel market and devastating farmers and the workers we support. The EPA...July 11, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[Ethanol Blog: ... Inadequate Domestic Supply](#)

by Todd Neeley (DTN Progressive Farmer) ... The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit on July 28, 2017, <https://www.dtnpf.com/...>, ruled the EPA erred in how it interpreted an "inadequate domestic supply" waiver provision in the RFS on 2016 volumes and was required by the court to review the...July 10, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[24 Governors Call on Trump to Halt Rollback on Rules for Clean Cars](#)

by Hiroko Tabuchi (New York Times) The opposition to one of President Trump's most consequential regulatory rollbacks — a plan to weaken pollution standards for automobiles nationwide — widened on Tuesday when 24 governors, including three

Republicans, urged the president to abandon his plan. The governors' plea adds to a chorus of criticism from an unlikely mix...July 10, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[USDA to Amend Guidelines for Designating Biobased Products for Federal Procurement](#)

(Bergeson & Campbell) The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Office of Procurement and Property Management published a final rule on July 5, 2019, that will amend the Guidelines for Designating Biobased Products for Federal Procurement (Guidelines) to add 30 sections designating the product categories within which biobased products would be afforded procurement preference ...July 9, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[US Biofuel Makers Expect Weaker Demand from 2020 Blending Mandate](#)

by Meghan Gordon (S&P Global Platts) Ethanol RINs fall after EPA proposes 2020-21 volumes; EPA declines to restore 2016 volumes flagged by court; Platts Analytics sees ethanol inputs above 10% this summer — The Trump administration's proposed 2020 biofuel mandate — for refiners to blend 20.04 billion gallons, up less than 1% from this year ...July 9, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[AFPM Launches Ad Campaign Urging the President to Protect Refinery Jobs](#)

(American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers) Today (July 8, 2019), AFPM launched an advertising campaign asking President Trump to keep his promise to protect U.S. refiners from unchecked ethanol mandates that threaten to kill our jobs. This campaign comes on the heels of increasing calls from the ethanol industry to eliminate small ... July 9, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[What Happened to Anaerobic Digestion in Rhode Island?](#)

by Michael Eggleston* (Advanced Biofuels USA) Today it seems that the use of anaerobic digestion in the Ocean State is not as widespread as it once was. According to a recent survey conducted by the Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC), owner and operator of Rhode Island's (RI) two largest wastewater treatment ... July 9, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[Opinion: Retailers and E15 infrastructure](#)

by Cassie Mullen (Renewable Fuels Association/Ethanol Producer Magazine) At the end of May, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency removed the key regulatory barrier to using gasoline blended with up to 15% ethanol (E15) during the summer driving season, a significant barrier to wider sales of E15. This decision expanded the market ... July 8, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[The Push for Year-Round E15 Is upon Us, but Is It the Best Biofuel Option?](#)

by Jeff Wasil (Washington Examiner) ... There's also a better option than E15, one that only requires cutting red tape hindering the widespread usage of a next-generation biofuel: biobutanol. Unlike ethanol, biobutanol contains nearly 90% of the energy content of gasoline (compared to 67% for ethanol), is compatible with the existing fueling ... July 8, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[ABA's Take: The Digest's 2019 Multi-Slide Guide to RVOs & SREs](#)

by Jim Lane (Biofuels Digest) In line with today's top story on the EPA's RVOs proposal for 2020, here's the Advanced Biofuels Association's take from ABLC 2019 on it all from a history perspective. Mike McAdams, President of Advanced Biofuels Association, looks back at the history of EPA's small refinery exemptions going ... July 8, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[St Paul Drivers Win With E15](#)

(Minnesota Bio-Fuels Association) The Minnesota Bio-Fuels Association (MN Biofuels) and KS95 teamed up today at the Winner station on Energy Park Drive to reward drivers who fueled up with Unleaded Plus (E15). "Since the EPA lifted the RVP-ban on E15 during the summer months, today's event marked the first time we've ... July 3, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[California, Canada Pollution: California, Canada Sidestep Trump, Ink Deal on Emissions](#)

(Associated Press) California picked up an important partner its long-running dispute with the Trump administration over vehicle emissions and fuel economy by announcing a deal with Canada to work on pollution reductions. The agreement comes as the state is in a standoff with its own federal government on the same issues, ... July 3, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[Pressure Builds on US EPA to Process e-RINs](#)

by Bob Cleaves (Biomass Magazine/U.S. Biomass Power Association) The RFS Power Coalition met with the U.S. Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs as part of its public outreach process, to share a few thoughts about electric renewable identification numbers. Across from the White House tucked in behind the Renwick Gallery is ... July 2, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[Gasolinegate: Three Decades of Flawed Emission Reports Has Endangered Public](#)

(Safe Gasoline Campaign) The 263 million gasoline vehicles on American roadways are emitting significantly more harmful emissions than being reported, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) is ignoring the dangers of toxic compounds in gasoline, according to a new report released this

week. Simply titled Gasolinegate, the report (and public service ... July 2, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[Grassley Statement on New Threats to RFS](#)

(Office of U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley (R-IA)) Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) today released the following statement in response to recent media reports on new threats to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). “For years, Big Oil and its advocates on and off Capitol Hill have worked hard to undermine the RFS and dole ... July 2, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[Daily on Energy: Biden’s Electric-Car Plan Could Suffer from Obama’s Lackluster Legacy](#)

by John Siciliano & Josh Siegel (Washington Examiner)
... Former vice president Joe Biden has some scratching their heads over a climate plan he introduced last week during the Democratic debates to deploy 500,000 electric-car charging stations if elected president in 2020. The “big question” for Biden is what he actually means, said ... July 2, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[Retailers Navigate Changing Fuels Landscape](#)

by Mark Radosevich (Convenience Store Decisions) C-store retailers must navigate the arrival of 95 RON fuel formulation, the push to add E15, underground storage tank liability and more. — Ethanol continues to be one of the top industry

dilemmas in 2019, with the current 15 billion gallon mandate at odds with declining ... July 1, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[Exxon Working to Push Trade Group on Climate Change](#)

by Amy Harder (Axios) ... At issue here is the American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers, whose focus is oil and gas refining. Driving the news: Royal Dutch Shell, under pressure from activist investors, announced earlier this year it was leaving AFPM, citing “material misalignment” on climate policies. Exxon is opting to stay ... July 1, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[U.S. Senator Says He’s Blocking USDA Nominees over Biofuel Waivers](#)

by Chris Prentice and Richard Valdmanis (Reuters) Senator John Kennedy of oil refining state Louisiana is blocking the confirmation of three senior appointees to the Department of Agriculture until the department butts out of parts of the administration’s biofuels policy, according to a letter he sent this week to Agriculture Secretary ... July 1, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[How Low Can You Go with Carbon?: The Digest’s 2019 Multi-Slide Guide to Aemetis](#)

by Jim Lane (Biofuels Digest) Aemetis is an international renewable fuels and biochemicals company using patented industrial biotechnology for the construction and operation of advanced biorefineries. They own and operate a 60+ million

gallon ethanol plant in California, a 50 million gallon capacity Biodiesel and Glycerin refinery in India, they are building ... July 1, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[The Energy 202: Ex-EPA Engineer Says Wheeler Is Misleading Congress about Car Rule](#)

by Dino Grandoni (Washington Post) Jeff Alson was sitting in his apartment in Ann Arbor, Mich., when he felt like he was going to explode. ... (Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Andrew Wheeler said Nichols never offered a counterproposal and accused Nichols of not being “a good faith actor in this rulemaking.” He added that “[h]er ... June 28, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[Top EPA Official Resigns Amid Scrutiny over Possible Ethics Violations](#)

by Juliet Eilperin and Brady Dennis (Washington Post) Bill Wehrum’s ties to his former law firm and power sector clients prompted a congressional probe. — Bill Wehrum spent only a year and a half as the Environmental Protection Agency’s top air official before announcing plans to resign Wednesday amid scrutiny over possible violations of ... June 27, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[FutureMetrics Criticizes Treatment of Biomass in EPA’s ACE Rule](#)

by Erin Voegelé (Biomass Magazine) ... The EPA released the final rule for its ACE program June 19. The program replaces the Obama-era Clean Power Plan and establishes emissions guidelines for states to use when developing plans to limit carbon dioxide at coal-fired power plants. While biomass co-firing was discussed as a potential ... June 26, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[Europe, US Aim to Boost Ethanol Share in Gasoline, but Obstacles Remain](#)

by Solomon Lanitis, Chrysa Glystra and Wesley Swift (S&P Global Platts) Ambitious emissions targets are driving governments across the globe to mandate greater use of biofuels in gasoline, and higher-ethanol blends of gasoline look set to make further inroads in the EU in the coming year. Electric vehicles and hybrids have dominated ... June 26, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[EPA Rule Lets Political Officials Block FOIA Document Requests](#)

by Meg Cunningham (Roll Call) Rulemaking follows Interior Department actions that drew congressional criticism — A new EPA rule would allow political appointees to review and withhold documents requested by the public under the Freedom of Information Act. The final rule, published Wednesday in the Federal Register, was signed by EPA Administrator ... June 26, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[Senators Urge EPA to Update Science on Ethanol](#)

(Feedstuffs) EPA has rejected calls to update GHG calculations based on technological advancements in ethanol production.

— A bipartisan group of senators led by Sens. Chuck Grassley (R., Iowa) and Dick Durbin (D., Ill.), both members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry, urged the Environmental Protection Agency to update an outdated ... June 26, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[Philadelphia Energy Solutions Seeks to Permanently Shut Oil Refinery](#)

by Jarrett Renshaw (Reuters) Philadelphia Energy Solutions (PES) will seek to permanently shut its oil refinery in the city after a massive fire caused substantial damage to the complex, the mayor confirmed on Wednesday, a day after two sources told Reuters about the plans. ... Shutting the refinery, the largest and ... June 26, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[NBB Letter to EPA's Wheeler Highlights Economic Damage from Refinery Exemptions](#)

(National Biodiesel Board) Demand destruction for biodiesel producers cannot be made up through E15 rule, NBB says — The National Biodiesel Board (NBB) today (June 21, 2019) sent a letter to EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler, highlighting the economic damage to the biodiesel and

renewable diesel industry from the agency's retroactive small refinery ... June 24, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[From FEW: 45Q Represents Opportunity for Ethanol; Request for Comments DEADLINE: July 4, 2019](#)

by Lisa Gibson (Ethanol Producer Magazine) Under new size specifications for the 45Q tax credit, almost all ethanol plants are eligible, said Jamey Cline, in business development for Christianson PLLP. With revenues trending downward since 2018 and falling below operating expenses, diversification of revenue streams is crucial, he added. Cline was ... June 23, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[National Gasoline Public Education and Consumer Awareness Campaign Launched: It's Time—EPA: Make Gasoline SAFE!](#)

(Safe Gasoline Campaign) Gasoline and its emissions are one of the greatest threats to public health Americans face today. Transportation related pollution accounts for an estimated 50,000 premature deaths annually. When lead was removed from gasoline, it was replaced with benzene-laced octane enhancers—despite the fact that benzene is a well-documented carcinogen ... June 22, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[Trump Orders Review of Controversial Biofuel Waiver Program: Sources](#)

by Jarrett Renshaw (Reuters) U.S. President Donald Trump has directed members of his Cabinet to review the administration's expanded use of waivers exempting small refineries from the nation's biofuel policy, after hearing from farmers angry about the issue during his recent Midwest tour, according to three sources familiar with the matter. ... June 21, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[NCGA Ups Pressure on EPA to Follow President's Lead on Ethanol](#)

(National Corn Growers Association) The National Corn Growers Association today will begin airing an advertisement calling on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to follow President Trump's commitment to farmers and stop giving Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) waivers to big oil companies. These waivers negatively impact farmers by undercutting the RFS ... June 21, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[Trump Officials Face off on Car Rule: King, Nichols Headline Auto Rule Hearing](#)

by Kelsey Tamborrino (Politico's Morning Energy) Top EPA and Transportation Department officials will likely face intense grilling from Democrats today at a joint hearing of two House Energy and Commerce subcommittees on the Trump administration's proposed rollback of auto emissions standards. Headlining are EPA air chief Bill Wehrum and National Highway ... June 20, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[ABFA: Letter Urges EPA to Finalize Provisions in REGS Rule](#)

by Erin Voegele (Biomass Magazine) A group of 15 companies sent a letter to Assistant EPA Administrator for Air and Radiation Bill Wehrum June 12 urging the agency to finalize provisions in the proposed renewable enhancement and growth support (REGS) rule to remove unnecessary regulatory barriers for the production of certain ... June 20, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[Could the RFS Move Toward a Low Carbon Program Like LCFS?](#)

by Jeff Barber (OPIS) The idea of revising the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) to operate more like the Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) appears to be getting a fresh look. The rise in prices for California's LCFS credits may be a motivating factor. More about that in a minute.... Let's first look back to ...June 18, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

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[Ethanol Industry Critical of EPA Proposed Volumes](#) [DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS: TBD](#)

(Renewable Fuels Association/AgNewsWire) The Environmental Protection Agency on Friday issued proposed volume requirements under the Renewable Fuel Standard program for calendar year 2020, with a total renewable fuel volume of 20.04 billion gallons, of which 5.04 billion gallons are advanced biofuel, including 540 million gallons of cellulosic biofuel. That leaves the 15-billion-gallon requirement ... July 8, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[EPA to Hold Hearing on 2020 RFS Proposal July 31 in Michigan](#)

by Erin Voegelé (Ethanol Producer Magazine) The U.S. EPA has announced plans to hold a public hearing July 31 in Ypsilanti, Michigan, on its proposed rule to set 2020 renewable volume obligations (RVOs) and the 2021 RVO for biomass-based diesel under the Renewable Fuel Standard. The agency released the rulemaking on July ... July 12, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[EIA to Update Data Reporting for Biofuels COMMENTS](#) [DUE July 24, 2019](#)

by Erin Voegelé (Ethanol Producer Magazine) The U.S. Energy Information Administration is seeking a three-year extension with

changes to its Petroleum Supply Reporting System. The proposed changes include those related to biofuels reporting. The PSRS consists of six weekly surveys that make up the Weekly Petroleum Supply Reporting System, eight monthly ...
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[EPA Opens Section 610 review of RFS DEADLINE: August 22, 2019](#)

by Erin Voegele (Ethanol Producer Magazine) The U.S. EPA published a notice in the Federal Register June 24 announcing it has opened a review of the Renewable Fuel Standard under Section 610 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. According to the notice, section 610 of the RFA requires that an agency review, ...
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Federal Litigation



As expected, petroleum representatives filed suit against the E15 waiver policy. Multiple suits continue on EPA's ["small" refinery exemptions](#) and reallocation

of the [waived gallons](#) with a hoped-for injunction denied without explanation. And [fraud](#) raises its ugly head again.

For more on federal litigation, [click here](#).

[Twenty-One Individuals Indicted on Charges of Conspiracy to Commit Interstate Transportation of Stolen Used Cooking Oil, Money Laundering, Harboring Aliens, and Immigration-Related Entrepreneurship Fraud](#)

(U.S. Department of Justice) Robert J. Higdon Jr., United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina, announces that a federal grand jury in Raleigh has returned a Superseding Indictment charging the following individuals with conspiracy to commit interstate transportation of stolen goods and money laundering: SALVADOR IBARRA ESCALANTE, age ... June 25, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[The Oil Industry and Environmentalists form an Odd Alliance against Trump on Ethanol](#)

by Emily Moon (Pacific Standard) It could be years before farmers see any gains from the rollback of E15 restrictions—or before oil interests and environmental groups see any losses. — ... For ethanol's biggest opponents, the deregulation could usher in a whole host of plagues, including environmental hazards and falling oil profits. While ...June 13, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[U.S. Refiner Group Sues Trump EPA over High-Ethanol Gasoline](#)

by Richard Valdmanis (Reuters) The main U.S. refining industry association said on Monday it sued to block the Trump administration's effort to expand sales of higher ethanol blends of gasoline, arguing the move exceeded the administration's authority. The legal challenge from the American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers (AFPM) association escalated a ... June 11, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

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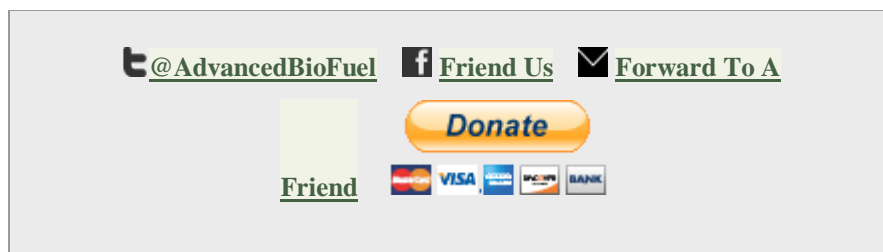
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