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[Democrats Still Need Rural Voters to Defeat Trump](#)

by J.D. Scholten (The Hill) ... To win back the White House, Democrats can't just rely on "Whole Foods" districts of educated, affluent suburbanites. Democrats can do well in "Dollar General" districts if they show ...April 1, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[Mighty Earth Wants to Push 2020 Candidates on the Use of Biofuels](#)

by Zachary Oren Smith (Iowa City Press-Citizen) ... Mighty Earth, a program affiliated with left-leaning think tank Center for International Policy, has three paid organizers setting up shop in Iowa City, Des Moines...April 1, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[Democrats to Move on from Green New Deal](#)

by Miranda Green (The Hill) Democrats are putting the Green New Deal in the rearview mirror, but they're not abandoning climate change legislation. Supporters of the progressive measure are shifting their sights ...March 28, 2019 [Read Full Article](#)

[Amy Klobuchar Knocks EPA's Secret Waivers that Boost Big Oil](#)

by Pat Rynard (Iowa Starting Line) Senator Amy Klobuchar blasted the Trump Administration's continued use of blending waivers for renewable fuels usage while in Iowa this weekend. Using it as an ...
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Policy: US and International

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Federal Legislation



Green New Deal still lacks renewable fuels for transportation as a key element. Seems biofuels voices are needed at the tables where GND is being discussed.

The Congressional Research Service has a [carbon tax/price](#) summary to inform lawmakers. And carbon capture has become a hot topic; much of the **carbon capture and use** contemplates oil/gas markets, however.

[Tax credit](#) extenders legislation awaits votes.

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

[Thank You, Biodiesel Industry](#)

by Donnell Rehagen (National Biodiesel Board/Biodiesel Magazine) ... This past year we engaged with organizations like National Renderers Association, National Association of Truck Stop Operators, American Soybean Association, Petroleum Marketers of America, and many more. The National Biodiesel Board has strengthened its reach and relationships by increasing regular dialogue with our industry .

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[NATA and Industry Aviation Coalition Support Extension of Biodiesel Tax Incentive](#)

(National Air Transportation Association /Aviation Pros) The letters were jointly issued by the Air Line Pilots Association, Airlines for America, the Cargo Airline Association, the General Aviation Manufacturers Association, the NATA, the NBAA, and the Regional Airline Association — Today, the National Air Transportation Association (NATA) led a coalition of top aviation...

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[Senators Introduce Bipartisan Carbon Capture Bill](#)

by Miranda Green (The Hill) A bipartisan group of senators introduced a bill Thursday to increase federal funding toward developing carbon capture technology while also committing to

fossil fuel use. Introduced by Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee ranking member Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.), the bill is being hailed as an important step to addressing ...

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[Sen. Whitehouse Targets Dark Money to Address Climate Change](#)

by Jennifer McDermott (Associated Press) ... Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, a Rhode Island Democrat, is targeting so-called “dark money” because he thinks opposition to addressing climate change in Congress is propped up by the fossil fuel industry. “If you kicked out that support, the opposition would fall,” said Whitehouse, who was sworn ...

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[Green New Deal Dialogue Emphasizes Green Growth, Inequalities; Fails to Appreciate Potential Role of Biofuels in Achieving Goals](#)

by Margaret Johnston* (Advanced Biofuels USA) On March 14th in Washington DC, I attended a Green New Deal Dialogue. Speakers came from all over the country to discuss possibilities of green growth, implementation strategies, and current (financial, racism, and energy) inequalities as well as others that may arise. The event ...

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[Energy Policy – Beltway Buzz](#)

(American Energy Society) Energy Policy – Beltway Buzz – The Senate voted on (and rejected) the Green New Deal; Majority Leader Mitch McConnell teased the vote for weeks, while Republicans railed against the proposal as socialism; however, liberal activists upended the conversation about climate change and forced both parties to respond ...

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[Reports Analyze High-Octane Gasoline Market](#)

(Convenience Store Decisions) A high-octane standard for the U.S. gasoline market could be the fastest and most cost-effective way to enhance fuel efficiency for vehicles produced in the next few years. New reports published by the Fuels Institute analyze the market's ability to deliver higher octane gasoline to consumers — and how it would ...

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[Carbon Capture on the Mind](#)

by Kelsey Tamborrino (Politico's Morning Energy) CARBON CAPTURE ON THE MIND: Democratic Sen. Chris Van Hollen and Rep. Don Beyer are set to talk carbon capture during a discussion today, where they will also reintroduce the “Healthy Climate and Family Security Act” — their cap-and-trade bill. Bill text. ...

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[Gone but Not Forgotten: The Green New Deal Resolution Sunk in the Senate on Tuesday.](#)

by Kelsey Tamborrino (Politico's Morning Energy) — The Green New Deal resolution sunk in the Senate on Tuesday. Now Senate Democrats will unveil their own Special Committee on the Climate Crisis, while House Republicans press ahead with their own push for a floor vote on the resolution. ... The Senate may ...

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[Republicans Grasp for a Climate Change Message](#)

by Zack Colman and Anthony Adragna (Politico) Tuesday's expected Senate vote rejecting the Green New Deal masks a striking reality: In a matter of months, liberal activists have upended the conversation about climate change among both parties in Washington. Democratic presidential candidates are rallying around calls from their base for immediate action ..

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[Gaetz Drafting 'Green Real Deal' Climate Resolution](#)

by Zack Coleman (Politico) Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.) is circulating a "Green Real Deal" resolution to counter the "Green New Deal" floated by Democrats, according to a draft copy obtained by POLITICO. The resolution acknowledges

climate change as a threat to national security and says the government should promote innovation to reduce greenhouse ...

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[Attaching a Price to Greenhouse Gas Emissions with a Carbon Tax or Emissions Fee: Considerations and Potential Impacts](#)

by Jonathan L. Ramseur and Jane A. Leggett (Congressional Research Service) ... Members of Congress and stakeholders articulate a wide range of perspectives over what to do, if anything, about GHG emissions, future climate change, and related impacts. If Congress were to consider establishing a program to reduce GHG emissions, one option would be to ...

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[Candidates Should Recognize Biofuel Benefits](#)

by Mike Naig and Dave Loeb sack (Quad City Times) We may come from different political parties, but we share at least one common vision. Both of us strongly support renewable fuel, like biodiesel, for the vital role it plays in Iowa's farm economy and job market, creating a cleaner environment, enhancing ..

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[Trump's Top Economic Adviser Still Supports Carbon Tax](#)

by Scott Waldman (E&E News) President Trump's top economic adviser is not backing away from his belief that a carbon tax

would be an effective way to address greenhouse gas emissions. Kevin Hassett, chairman of the White House Council of Economic Advisers, has expressed support for a carbon tax for years. In ...

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[Come Together: At NEC, a GM Executive Outlined Some Controversial Advice for the Ethanol Industry.](#)

by Matt Thompson (Ethanol Producer Magazine) ...Collaborate with the automotive industry, the petroleum industry, fuel retailers and other stakeholders in the liquid fuels market to push for a national high-octane standard. “We’re advocating for a reasonable and manageable proposal—a new, national high-octane based fuel for all new vehicles,” said Dan ...

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[USE IT Act: Reducing Emissions Through Carbon Use Innovation, Not Regulation](#)

by Senator John Barrasso (R-WY) (Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works/OurEnergyPolicy) Read the entire piece and comment! Senator Barrasso’s staff will be monitoring the discussion, and OurEnergyPolicy.org will prepare a discussion wrap-up for the Senator in two weeks. The Senator would like comments to the following questions: What should be the ...

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[Rural America Is Ready for Some Sort of a New Deal, Preferably Green](#)

by Art Cullen (The Guardian) Here in farming country we have the opportunity to rethink our approach to renewable energy and food production — ... Meanwhile, we're losing our precious topsoil and polluting our rivers – killing the Gulf of Mexico in the process – as we chase ever-higher corn yields in ...

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Federal Regulation



Concerns continue that EPA's delay in publishing proposed [E15 Reid Vapor Pressure regulations](#) will preclude **E15 waiver** certainty for 2019 summer driving. But if the "**sub-sim**" problem isn't addressed, there could be problems. Comment period is still open.

Steam comes out of biofuels trade organizations ears when they talk about [Small refinery exemptions](#) and resulting "demand destruction." Will he or won't he give more exemptions? Only the EPA Administrator knows for sure. See federal [litigation](#)

articles for more details. Add **trade tariffs** that are taking a stiff toll on ethanol demand and production. And the **RINs** issues related to all of that remain on a front burner.

And Ron Kotrba ties it all together in the mis-named "[Where Will All the Feedstock Come From?](#)" He covers so much more than feedstock issues.

And **aviation** carbon emissions mitigation is cracking open the door to regulations.

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

[NFU Urges Implementatin of E15 Waiver, Common-Sense Provisions for Higher Level Blends](#)

(National Farmers Union/KTIC Radio) As the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) works towards allowing year-round use of E15 gasoline, National Farmers Union (NFU) is concerned EPA's proposed rule will make it harder for retailers to sell higher level blends of ethanol. In a letter to EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler, NFU President Roger Johnson ...

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[Where Will All the Feedstock Come From?](#)

by Ron Kotrba (Biodiesel Magazine) As a new wave of large-scale biomass-based diesel projects develops, experts suggest market forces are ready to deliver the necessary fats, oils and

greases. — ...Many of these new biomass-based diesel projects intend to produce renewable diesel at a much larger scale than even the largest biodiesel ...

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[EPA to Propose Rule on Biomass Carbon Neutrality This Summer](#)

by Erin Voegele (Biomass Magazine) U.S. EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler recently informed federal lawmakers that the agency is working on a rulemaking that will define biomass as carbon neutral. A proposed rule is expected to be released this summer. ... During the hearing, Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, said the past several ...

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[U.S. EPA to Revise Proposed Freeze of Vehicle Fuel Economy Rules](#)

by David Shepardson (Reuters) The head of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said on Thursday the agency would revise its proposed freeze of vehicle fuel economy standards before unveiling its final regulation in the coming months. In August, the EPA and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) proposed freezing requirements for new ...

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[EPA's Latest Effort on SRE Transparency Helpful Progress But Not Enough](#)

(Growth Energy) The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today announced they will take comment on the current process for issuing small refinery exemptions, allowing EPA to post the names of refineries who have applied for and received small refinery exemptions, an important first step in providing transparency in the process. While ...

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[U.S. EPA May Grant Fewer Biofuel Waivers Due to Low Credit Prices: Wheeler](#)

by Humeyra Pamuk (Reuters) The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency could grant fewer waivers exempting small refineries from the country's biofuel policy as lower prices for blending credits have reduced the cost of compliance, the agency's administrator Andrew Wheeler told Reuters on Thursday. The Trump administration's use of such waivers to save the ...

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[Study Shows Ethanol's Impact](#)

by John Huthmacher (Hastings Tribune) Ethanol continues to be a driving force in Nebraska's economy, affecting a sizable portion of the state's business sector. This, according to a recent impact study released by University of Nebraska-Lincoln economists.

The report examines the economic impact of Nebraska's ethanol industry between 2015-17. Authors are UNL agricultural ...

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by Helena Tavares Kennedy (Biofuels Digest) ... ABLC 2019 kicked off on Wednesday with about 540 delegates in Washington, D.C. at the U.S. Department of Agriculture building complete with secret service protection and escorts for some big-name super star speakers, with a pretty exciting vibe in the room. In ABLC terms, ...

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[Emissions from Low- and Mid-Level Blends of Anhydrous Ethanol in Gasoline 2019-01-0997](#)

(SAE International) Typically ethanol is present in gasoline as a 10% blend by volume (E10), although E15, E85 (51 to 83%), and E0 are also available at selected stations. Numerous studies of tailpipe regulated emissions have been conducted to compare emissions from E10 and E0, and there is a growing body ...

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[New Study: Non Flex Fuel Vehicles Benefit From Ethanol Blends](#)

(Urban Air Initiative) A newly published study finds that most vehicles on the road today can adapt to mid-level ethanol blends,

helping cars run more efficiently while reducing greenhouse gas emissions along with other pollutants. The study was conducted by North Carolina State University and commissioned by the Urban Air Initiative. “This study ...

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[Fuels Institute Study Explores National High-Octane Standard](#)

by Matt Thompson (Ethanol Producer Magazine) A report released by the Fuels Institute, a research group that studies issues effecting vehicle and fuel markets, outlines ethanol’s potential in helping the nation achieve a high-octane fuel (HOF) standard. According to the study and its companion white paper, the goal was to “develop ...

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[Wheeler Addresses SREs, RVO Reallocation during Recent Hearings](#)

by Erin Voegele (Biodiesel Magazine) U.S. EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler told federal lawmakers in early April that it would be difficult for the agency to reallocate biofuel volumes waived by small refinery exemptions (SREs), even if Congress provided a legislative mechanism to do so. He also said the agency aims ...

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[UPDATE 1-EPA Waits on DOE Input to Process Small Refinery Waivers for 2018 from U.S. Biofuel Law](#)

by Humeyra Pamuk (Reuters) The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is waiting to receive input from the Department of Energy to process 2018 applications exempting small refineries from U.S. biofuel laws, the agency's administrator Andrew Wheeler said on Tuesday. Speaking at a hearing at the House Appropriations Committee, Wheeler said he expected ...

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[Ag Policy Blog: Some Agricultural Views from Some Democratic Presidential Candidates](#)

by Chris Clayton (DTN The Progressive Farmer) ... Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, former HUD Secretary Julian Castro, former Maryland Rep. John Delaney, Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar and Ohio Rep. Tim Ryan all took questions at the Heartland Forum in consecutive order on stage. ... Former Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, also ...

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[Ethanol Advocates Worry RIN Reform Proposals Will Derail E15 Expansion](#)

by Jordan Godwin (Oil Price Information Service) With about two months to go before the start of the summer driving season, ethanol advocates are growing increasingly worried that EPA's decision to combine in the same proposed rulemaking changes

to how Renewable Identification Number (RIN) credits are trading and a volatility waiver for ...

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[The Compelling Case for Biojet Fuel](#)

by Jess Hewitt and Jonathan Lewis (Lee Enterprises Consulting/Biofuels Digest) ... Many people are confused by the term “biojet,” and the many other terms used to describe this “new fuel”. There is a standard specification that describes this product. Turbine (jet) fuels are covered by the American Society of Testing Materials ...

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[Biofuels Advocates Testify at EPA Hearing](#)

(Ag News Wire) The Environmental Protection Agency held a hearing Friday on proposed regulatory changes related to retail sales of 15% ethanol blended fuel (E15) and the renewable identification number (RIN) compliance system Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) program. Biofuels advocates, organization representatives and company officials testified at the hearing about the proposal ...

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[Backstabbing the Ethanol Industry](#)

by David Kruse (The Daily Reporter) I was told by a director of the Iowa Corn Growers that at a meeting they discussed my

recent reports where I had noted that the National Corn Growers Association is dropping the ball in pushing back against President Donald Trump personally on renewable identification ...

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[EPA Grants Additional 2017 Small Refinery Waiver from Nation's Biofuel Laws](#)

by Jarrett Renshaw (Reuters) The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency granted an additional 2017 small refinery waiver from the nation's biofuel laws, bringing the tally to 35, the agency disclosed on Thursday. READ MORE EPA Grants Another Small Refinery Waiver (Energy.AgWired.com) US EPA approves another 2017 small refinery exemption to RFS (Biodiesel ...

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[Fuel Standards to Prevent Overdependence on Foreign Oil Are Out of Date](#)

by Merrill Matthews (The Hill/Institute for Policy Innovation) ... President Trump wants to roll back unattainable Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards imposed by President Obama. And he wants those revised fuel efficiency ratings to apply nationwide, including California, according to The Hill. But environmentalists and the Golden State are rejecting the change. They ...

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[South Dakota Farmers Union: Say No to E15 Rule; Farmer Leader Says We Can Do Better](#)

(South Dakota Farmers Union) On the eve of a public hearing to receive comments on the long awaited ruling to allow year round rvp relief for E15, the South Dakota Farmers Union (SDFU) called the rule a backdoor effort to limit ethanol blends. In a call with supporters today, SDFU President ...

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[EPA Seeks Input on E15 Information Collection Request Extension DEADLINE: May 17, 2019](#)

by Erin Voegele (Ethanol Producer Magazine) The U.S. EPA is soliciting public comments on specific aspects of a proposed extension of an existing information collection request (ICR) related to E15 it plans to submit to the Office of Management and Budget. A notice published in the Federal Register March 18 explains ...

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[Petrochemical Fire in Houston Reveals Much Larger Issue.](#)

(Urban Air Initiative) On Sunday, March 17, tanks of toluene and xylene caught fire at Intercontinental Terminal in the Houston, TX area, releasing plumes of black smoke into the air. As a result, incomplete combustion of toluene and xylene combined to form

benzene, a known carcinogen. Toluene and xylene are toxic aromatic chemicals added ...

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[Biofuels: Recent Stability and Future Uncertainty](#)

by Pat Westhoff (Columbia Daily Tribune) ... Long-term changes in the vehicle fleet could result in even larger changes in biofuel demand. If electric cars and trucks become widespread, the demand for both petroleum-based fuels and liquid biofuels could decline. How the biofuel industry develops will be critical to U.S. agriculture. ...

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[E15 Ethanol Is Coming, Like It or Not. Here's What You Need to Know](#)

by Jim Koscs (Hagerty) ... In the United States, ninety-eight percent of gasoline sold already contains some amount of ethanol. Cars produced in the past two decades or so generally have no problem burning the common E10 blend, which contains 10 percent ethanol. Some stations have offered E15, which bumps the amount ...

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[FAA Launches Voluntary MRV Program for US Aircraft Operators Participating in CORSIA](#)

(GreenAir Online) The US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has launched the CORSIA MRV Program for US airplane operators with international flights participating in the ICAO carbon offsetting scheme. According to ICAO, it is mandatory for all operators, regardless of the country they are based in, to report verified CO2 emissions above a certain ...

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[EPA Likely to Grant Partial Waivers from U.S. Biofuel Laws for 2018: Sources](#)

by Jarrett Renshaw (Reuters) The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is likely to issue partial waivers to some of the 39 small refineries seeking relief from the nation's biofuel laws for 2018, in an unusual option to balance the competing interests of oil and corn producers, two sources briefed on the matter ...

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[Study Shows Biofuels Are 3 Percent of Iowa GDP](#)

by Cindy Zimmerman (Energy.AgWired.com) The Iowa Renewable Fuels Association (IRFA) has released a new study that shows biofuels are responsible for over \$5 billion of Iowa's GDP, or roughly three percent. The study, authored by John Urbanchuk of ABF Economics and commissioned by IRFA, also found that biofuels account for over 48,000 Iowa jobs and ..

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[EPA Waivers Reduce Incentive to Produce Biofuels](#)

(KCRG) Between 2017 and 2018, U.S. ethanol consumption dropped for the first time in a decade and the Renewable Fuels Association says that's because of the Environmental Protection Agency hurting demand. One of the reasons former EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt resigned from the agency was because of approving dozens of refiner ...

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[Cruz Says EPA's Wheeler Promised to Continue Granting Small Refinery Waivers](#)

by Jim Wiesemeyer (Pro Farmer) Senator Ted Cruz (R-Texas) says he won "explicit promises" from EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler to keep granting small refineries waivers from U.S. biofuel mandates, without retroactively reallocating those quotas to non-exempted facilities. Cruz says he secured those commitments after joining with other Republican senators to slow ...

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Regulations Open for Public Comment

[Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Modifications to Fuel Regulations to Provide Flexibility for E15 and to Elements of the Renewable Identification Number Compliance System — COMMENTS DUE April 29, 2019](#)

(U.S. Environmental Protection Agency) On March 12, 2019, EPA proposed regulatory changes to allow gasoline blended with up to 15 percent ethanol (E15) to take advantage of the 1-psi Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) waiver that currently applies to E10 during the summer months. EPA is also proposing regulatory changes to ...

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[EPA Seeks Comments on SRE Portion of Proposed REGS Rule DEADLINE: TBD](#)

by Erin Voegele (Biomass Magazine) The U.S. EPA announced April 12 that it will reopen the comment period on one aspect of proposed rule issued in 2016 in an effort to “expand transparency surrounding the small refinery exemption program and provide further opportunity for input.” The agency’s announcement relates to its proposed ...

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[Comment Period for E15 Underway](#)

by Mark Dorenkamp (Brownfield Ag News) The EPA has given stakeholders a little more than a month to weigh in on the proposed rule that would allow year-round sales of E15. The proposal is being published in the Federal Register today, and the comment period ends April 29th. Minnesota Corn Growers president ...

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Federal Litigation



Multiple suits continue on EPA's "[small refinery exemptions](#) and reallocation of the [waived gallons](#). Business-related cases range from disclosing trade secrets to a "botched" ethanol production system.

And California lived up to its threats to sue over Trump Administration rollback of **vehicle emission standards**, CAFE or SAFE.

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[Former DuPont Employee Gets 42 Months in Prison for Stealing Trade Secrets](#)

by Meghan Sapp (Biofuels Digest) ... As part of his guilty plea, Isler (Josh Harry Isler) admitted that, during August 2013, while employed with DuPont, and after having accepted an offer of employment with a smaller competitor, he stole and misappropriated, without authorization, trade secrets of DuPont. According to admissions contained ...

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[Sioux Falls-Based Ethanol Producer Poet Awarded Millions by Arbitration Panel](#)

by Jonathan Ellis (Argus Leader) Sioux Falls-based Poet has asked a federal judge to confirm a multi-million dollar arbitration award it received from a company that it claims botched an

ethanol production system at a plant in Iowa. A panel of three arbitrators from the American Arbitration Association held three hearings ...

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[California Sues Trump Administration over Rollback of Emissions Standards](#)

by Bob Egelko (San Francisco Chronicle) California's Air Resources Board sued the Trump administration Friday for information that might support the federal government's claim that its proposed weakening of auto emissions standards would save lives. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency introduced regulations last August to roll back fuel-efficiency standards adopted under ...

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[EPA Wants Refinery Information Sealed Agency Asks Court Not to Disclose Waivers Brief, Documents to Public](#)

by Todd Neeley (DTN The Progressive Farmer) The EPA wants to keep from the public eye an opening brief and some records to be filed in a small-refinery waivers case, claiming in a court motion the information is subject to a protective order on confidential business information. The agency made the ...

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[Court Brief: EPA Strayed on RFS Waivers — EPA Changed Course on Small-Refinery Waivers Without Public Input](#)

by Todd Neeley (DTN The Progressive Farmer) The EPA broke away from Renewable Fuel Standard requirements for granting small-refinery waivers starting in May 2017 and continued to deny a congressional order regarding which refiners qualify, according to a 97-page brief filed in a federal court in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday. The ...

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
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