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[A Proposed Rule by the Agricultural Marketing Service: National Bioengineered Food Disclosure Standard COMMENTS DUE 7/3/18](#)

May 15, 2018 – (U.S. Department of Agriculture) A recent amendment to the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 requires the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary)

to establish the national mandatory bioengineered (BE) food disclosure standard. The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is ...

[Pruitt Unveils Controversial 'Transparency' Rule Limiting What Research EPA Can Use COMMENT DEADLINE extended to August 16, 2018](#)

April 25, 2018 – by Juliet Eilperin and Brady Dennis (The Washington Post) Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt moved Tuesday to limit what science can be used in writing agency regulations, a change long sought by conservatives.

The proposed rule would ...

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The Farm Bill gets top billing this month, particularly the **Energy Title**, followed by petroleum industry claims that the Reid Vapor Pressure waiver/E15 problem can't be solved without legislation; and attempts to paper E15 pumps with additional scary warning labels. Lots of overlap with regulatory issues.

Another waiver issue--EPA's secretive waivers of renewable volume obligations for small refiners--and small refineries owned/operated by Big Oil refiners--is also caught in "legislation or regulation" arguments.

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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 the website, www.AdvancedBiofuelsUSA.org.

[U.S. EPA Won't Reallocate Exempt Biofuel Obligations without Congress](#)

June 18, 2018 – by Jarrett Renshaw (Reuters) The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said on Friday it will not reallocate exempt biofuel obligations under the small refinery waiver program without an act of Congress, setting the stage for a new clash ...

[Senate Ag Committee Restores 2018 Farm Bill Energy Title Funding](#)

June 14, 2018 – by Erin Voegelé (Biomass Magazine) On June 13, the Senate ag committee approved the its version of the 2018 Farm Bill with bipartisan support. The legislation includes an amendment offered by Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., that ...

[Senators Hope to Reap Farm Bill Amendments](#)

June 13, 2018 – by Kelsey Tamborrino (Politico’s Morning Energy) The Senate Agriculture Committee will take up amendments to the farm bill today, but negotiations were still ongoing as to just which of 186 submitted would get a vote. Here ...

[Not into Octane](#)

June 13, 2018 – by Kelsey Tamborrino (Politico’s Morning Energy) ON THE HILL: GOP Sen. John Cornyn says finding common ground on an overhaul of the RFS is “like trying to come up with peace in the Middle East.” Cornyn ...

[Carbon Utilization Bill Could Create Value for CO2 Emissions](#)

June 8, 2018 – by Tim Albrecht (Biomass Magazine) Sen. Michael Bennet, D-Colo., introduced three bills this week to boost rural economic opportunities by expanding USDA funding eligibility for clean energy projects. This funding would help improve electric grid security, ...

[Senate Farm Bill Expands Reach of Energy Title, But Provides Little Funding](#)

June 8, 2018 – by Jesse Stolark (Environmental and Energy Study Institute) On Friday, June 8, the Senate Agriculture Committee released the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018. In contrast to the GOP-only bill that has advanced in the House, the bipartisan Senate ...

[Sen. Tina Smith Tells Senate Agriculture Committee Leaders that Farm Bill Energy Programs Are Key to Reviving Lagging Farm Economy](#)

June 7, 2018 – (Office of Senator Tina Smith (D-MN)) Senator Leads Bipartisan Push for Strong Funding and Focus on Energy As Senate Begins Work on Farm Bill in Coming Days — As the Senate prepares to begin work on the ...

[Bill Aims to Increase E15 Labeling Requirements](#)

June 6, 2018 – by Erin Voegele (Ethanol Producer Magazine) In mid-May, Reps. Austin Scott, R-Ga., and Lois Frankel, D-Fla., introduced legislation that aims to introduce more stringent labeling requirements for E15.

The bill, titled the Consumer Protection and Fuel Transparency ...

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[U.S. Biodiesel Lobby Drops Effort to Adjust \\$1-Per-Gallon Tax Credit](#)

May 29, 2018 – by Tom Polansek and Michael Hirtzer (Reuters) The biggest U.S. biodiesel lobbying group has dropped its nine-year push to convert a \$1-per-gallon tax credit available to blenders of the biofuel into one for producers, the vice president ...

[Senate Appropriations Committee Rejects Trump Cuts for Energy Funding](#)

May 25, 2018 – by Josh Siegel (Washington Examiner) The Senate Appropriations Committee easily advanced its Energy-Water fiscal 2019 spending bill on Thursday, rejecting Trump administration efforts to reduce funding for energy and science research.

The \$43.8 billion bill, approved by ...

[Farm Bill Energy Programs Have Earned Bipartisan Support](#)

May 24, 2018 – by Brent Erickson (The Hill/Biotechnology Innovation

Organization) Since 2002, the farm bill has contained an energy title, with cost-effective programs that support private investment in renewable energy, biobased manufacturing and energy efficiency. The programs are extremely ...

[Ethanol Blog: Grassley Points to Need to Change RFS Waivers Language](#)

May 23, 2018 – by Todd Neeley (DTN The Progressive Farmer) Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, would like to see administrative changes made to how EPA hands out Renewable Fuel Standard waivers to small refiners, estimated by one ethanol industry study ...

[Farm Bill to Get Second Vote in US House in June: Roll Call](#)

May 23, 2018 – (CNBC/Reuters) The U.S. House of Representatives will vote for a second time on a massive farm bill after the measure was defeated last week, according to a report. The vote on the \$867 billion bill ...

[Farm Bill Rejection Sinks In: House Ag Leaders Look for New Path Forward After Farm Bill Defeated](#)

May 21, 2018 – by Jerry Hagstrom and Chris Clayton (DTN The Progressive Farmer) The cheers and jeers were all over the spectrum Friday after the House of Representatives failed to pass its version of the farm bill following a raucous ...

[Ethanol Industry Hits Back at Proposed E15 Labelling](#)

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hard for biofuels-friendly policies in Washington, D.C., to make life livable for cash-strapped farmers supplying markets that didn't exist 30 years ago.

Erick Lutt, director of industrial ...

[Biofuel Policy Adds to Agricultural Market Uncertainty](#)

May 18, 2018 – by Pat Westhoff (Columbia Tribune) ... Biofuel policy decisions also have the potential to have large impacts on commodity markets and farm income.

Most cars in this country run on a blend of 90 percent gasoline and 10 ...

[Reps. Scott, Frankel Introduce Legislation that Calls for Clearly-Labeled Ethanol-Blended Gasoline at the Pump](#)

May 18, 2018 – (Yamaha Marine Group/Business Wire) Legislation would require more detailed labeling of gas pumps that dispense E15 fuel, which causes corrosion and mechanical problems in equipment with small engines — Congressman Austin Scott (GA-08) and Congresswoman Lois Frankel ...

[Breaking News: Attack on Farm Bill Clean Energy Programs](#)

May 18, 2018 – by Jim Lane (Biofuels Digest) Breaking news arrives from the Ag Energy Coalition regarding the 2018 Farm Bill. Green Capitol's Lloyd Ritter writes:

Rep. Biggs farm bill amendment was made in order by the Rules Committee ...

[Will Battle Between 'Big Corn' And 'Big Oil' Stall Next Generation Biofuels?](#)

May 18, 2018 – by Aaron Smith and Vincent Smith (Investor's Business Daily) ... The most immediate impact of the RFS wars is to focus attention on corn

ethanol and petroleum gasoline at the detriment of second-generation biofuels.

These fuels — ...

[US Appropriations Committee Approves \\$243M Cut for Renewable Programs, \\$58M Increase to Fossil Fuels Research](#)

May 18, 2018 – (Renewable Energy World) The U.S. House Appropriations Committee yesterday approved an energy and water funding bill that, as compared to fiscal year 2018, cuts energy efficiency and renewable energy (EERE) programs by \$243 million, and increases ...

[RNG Stakeholders Talk Renewable Fuels With Lawmakers](#)

May 17, 2018 – by Betsy Lillian (NGT News) Stakeholders from across the North American renewable natural gas (RNG) industry descended on Capitol Hill today (May 15, 2018) for more than 65 meetings with federal lawmakers to communicate the importance ...

[Congressman Veasey Introduces Bipartisan Energy Research Legislation](#)

May 15, 2018 – (Office of Congressman Marc Veasey) The Fossil Energy Research and Development Act would set the course for the next generation of climate change mitigation — Today, Congressman Marc Veasey (D-TX), Ranking Member of the Science Committee's Energy ...

[API: Administrative Changes to RFS Probably Illegal, Definitely a Bad Idea](#)

May 15, 2018 – by Kelsey Tamborrino (Politico's Morning Energy) The American Petroleum Institute is no fan of Trump's effort to make administrative changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard. The Trump administration is working on a memo laying out a ...

Latest on Federal Regulation



White House meetings take center stage in the federal regulation arena spurred on by suggestions to allow **RINs for exported ethanol, the "small refinery" waivers, CAFE** (Corporate Average Fuel Economy)

mid-term review issues and challenges to **California's** authority to set vehicle pollution control standards. In an article below, Advanced Biofuels USA's **Joanne Ivancic** tries to untangle the knots of regulations, informal agreements and California state policies and legislative restrictions involved.

But big news also is in how federal regulations such as pathway approvals might impact the stock market with GEVO's rocketing **stock price** providing and example.

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[EPA Decision on Isobutanol Blasts Gevo Stock into Stratosphere Monday](#)

June 19, 2018 – by Ben Miller (Denver Business Journal) Gevo applauded an EPA decision on isobutanol, a fuel that's made from renewable resources like corn. Gevo shares soared 262 percent in Monday trading.

EPA decision on isobutanol buoys ...

[US EPA Close to Releasing 2019-20 Biofuel Mandate Volumes](#)

June 19, 2018 – (Platts) The US Environmental Protection Agency is close to

releasing its proposal for how much biofuel refiners must blend into the US transportation fuel supply next year, a spokeswoman said Friday.

The policy will include 2019 blending ...

[Midwest Trump Voters Losing Faith in His Commitment to Biofuels](#)

June 18, 2018 – (National Biodiesel Board/Biodiesel Magazine) New polling shows that voters across three Midwestern states are disappointed with Trump administration decisions they view as broken promises of support for local agriculture and renewable fuels industries.

In a survey of ...

[GAO to Look into Trump's Reduction of Carbon Social Costs](#)

June 18, 2018 – by Miranda Green (The Hill) A government watchdog has agreed to review the Trump administration's method for calculating the social cost of carbon, including examining the decision to drop the rate as first determined during the ...

[Everyone's Favorite Acronym: The Renewable Fuel Standard](#)

June 18, 2018 – by Kelsey Tamborrino (Politico's Morning Energy) The Renewable Fuel Standard will be the subject of a subcommittee hearing this week in the House Energy and Commerce Committee. On Friday the Environment subcommittee will have a hearing ...

[White House to Meet Automakers, California on Fuel Efficiency Rule](#)

June 15, 2018 – by David Shepardson (Reuters) White House officials will have a new round of meetings with an automakers trade group and California's "clean air"

agency next week before unveiling a proposal to reverse rules aimed at increasing

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[NMMA Provides Update on EPA Bio-Isobutanol Approval](#)

June 15, 2018 – (National Marine Manufacturers Association) Earlier this week, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt approved the registration of bio-isobutanol as a fuel additive.

The National Marine Manufacturers Association has been a leading voice in the effort to secure ...

[EPA Chief Hints He Could Order More Ethanol in Fuel](#)

June 14, 2018 –by Chris Prentice (Reuters) A week after the White House suspended its bid to reform the nation's biofuels policy to aid oil refiners, the head of the Environmental Protection Agency on Tuesday dangled a tantalizing prospect

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[Pruitt Heads out on Ethanol Visit](#)

June 12, 2018 – by Kelsey Tamborrino (Politico's Morning Energy) EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt is expected to travel to Kansas this morning, where he'll stop by East Kansas Agri-Energy's ethanol plant in Garnett. The trip comes a week after the ...

[Ted Cruz Says Biofuel Policy Overhaul May Be Revived](#)

June 12, 2018 – (Wisconsin Ag Connection) A day after a tentative agreement to overhaul U.S. biofuel policy appeared to collapse amid farm-state concerns, EPA chief Scott Pruitt met to discuss the issue with the lead senator pushing for the ...

[Mired in Misère: Re-Launching Political Capital and Public Trust for Biofuels: Seven Strategies to Reinstate Our Industry's Power in Washington, D.C. through Mainstreet, USA](#)

June 8, 2018 – by Jenna Bloxom (Colorado State University/Biofuels Digest) ... Now is the critical juncture for a unified bioeconomy to re-assert biofuels as a political powerhouse and compelling policy agenda that defies partisan, geographical, and generational divisions.

...

(T)his industry must ...

[Notice for Solicitation of Members for Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee DEADLINE: June 30, 2018](#)

June 7, 2018 – (U.S. Department of Energy and U.S. Department of Agriculture/Federal Register) ... U.S. Department of Energy is soliciting nomination for candidates to fill vacancies on the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee (Committee). ... Deadline for Technical ...

[Why Nebraska's Governor Is a Champion of Biofuels](#)

June 7, 2018 – (Urban Air Initiative) Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts recently declared May as Renewable Fuels Month to draw attention to clean burning biofuel options. He's focused on grassroot efforts to educate and expand access of mid-level blends for ...

[Top 10 Biodiesel Trends 2018: What's up with the World's Favorite Advanced Biofuel?](#)

June 7, 2018 – by Jim Lane (Biofuels Digest) ... We've organized the state of

biodiesel into 10 areas of vital interest ranging from the development of markets to the entry of ancillary products and new feedstocks.

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[RFS Changes on Hold](#)

June 6, 2018 – by Kelsey Tamborrino (Politico's Morning Energy) ASSUME DEAL DEAD: Sen. Joni Ernst's decision to lay into embattled EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt over his alleged about-face on ethanol appears to have paid off. Ernst spoke to President Donald Trump ...

[EPA's New Super Fuel Could Spell Trouble for Ethanol](#)

June 5, 2018 – by John Siciliano (Washington Examiner) The Environmental Protection Agency is about to allow a new renewable fuel to be sold at the pump, which could revolutionize the fuel business while eliminating the use of corn ethanol ...

[Trump's Support Wavering in Farm Country Over Ethanol, Trade Moves](#)

June 5, 2018 – by Alan Bjerga and Mario Parker (Bloomberg) EPA chief seen as betraying Trump's promises on biofuels; Trade tensions put demand for agricultural goods at risk — Even as Donald Trump tweets his support for U.S. agriculture, farmer loyalty for the ...

[RFS Deal Coming Soon](#)

June 5, 2018 – by Kelsey Tamborrino (Politico's Morning Energy) The White House is expected to release its final proposal on revisions to the Renewable Fuel Standard today. Pro's Eric Wolff is hearing from two industry sources that the proposal will ...

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[Commentary: A Success Story Worth Repeating](#)

June 4, 2018 – by Gary Truitt (Hoosier Ag Today) ... The ethanol industry could provide a home-grown, energy source that lessened our dependence on foreign imports, replaced a cancer-causing chemical as the octane portion of gasoline, and reduced tail ...

[Growth Energy: RVP Period to Begin at Highest Fuel Cost to Consumers in Years](#)

June 4, 2018 – (Growth Energy) Tomorrow (June 1, 2018) marks the beginning of the Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) restriction on E15 sales across most of the country during the summer driving season – June 1 to September 15. The ...

[Farm and Biofuel Coalition Demands that EPA Account for Lost Volumes Due to Secretive, Retroactive Small Refinery Exemptions](#)

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[Sustain RFS as Important Tool in GHG-Reduction Strategy](#)

May 31, 2018 – (Solutions from the Land) One of the three pillars of climate-smart agriculture is actions that farmers can take to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and simultaneously improve profitability. A principal means by which the agriculture ...

[Down to the Details: Kernel Fiber Now](#)

May 25, 2018 – by Lisa Gibson (Ethanol Producer Magazine) ... EcoEngineers' Director of Engineering Jim Ramm details Kernel Fiber Now, a service that helps producers navigate their options with corn kernel fiber-to-ethanol technologies, RINs and more.

With intense interest ...

[EPA Can't Keep Prior Fuel Economy Data in Its Blind Spot: Critics](#)

May 24, 2018 –by Abby Smith (Bloomberg) Lawsuits seek to force consideration of prior data in fuel economy proposal; Automakers expect fuller analysis, data to back up agencies' proposed options — Lawsuits over the EPA's April fuel economy determination are more ...

[Trump Administration Officials to Meet on Biofuel Policy Changes – Sources](#)

May 24, 2018 – by Jarrett Renshaw (Reuters) Top officials from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the departments of Energy and Agriculture plan to meet on Thursday to hammer out details of President Donald Trump's planned changes to the ...

[E15 Year-Round: Mixed Messages from RFS, RINs Meeting](#)

May 23, 2018 –by Tom C. Doran (AgriNews Publications) It was good news and bad news for corn growers and ethanol proponents after President Donald Trump met with legislators to discuss the Renewable Fuel Standard.

A White House meeting with Sens. ...

[TSITRIAN: Trump No Friend of Family Farmers](#)

May 23, 2018 – by John Tsitrian (Rapid City Journal) ... And forgetting about soybeans for a minute, there's the matter of Trump administration policy on the ethanol mandate, aka the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), a major matter for ...

[NFU Asks Pruitt to Allow Summertime E15 Sales](#)

May 23, 2018 – (National Farmers Union/Wallaces Farmer) NFU President Roger Johnson says year-round use of E15 would have significant benefits for farmers and the economy. — NFU President Roger Johnson wrote to EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt on May 22, ...

[Large U.S. Refiner Marathon Seeks Biofuel Hardship Waiver – Sources](#)

May 23, 2018 – by Jarrett Renshaw and Chris Prentice (Reuters/Daily Mail) Marathon Petroleum Corp, the second-biggest refining company in the United States, has asked the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a hardship waiver exempting one of its facilities from ...

[By the Gallon and Trade Groups: What about EVs?](#)

May 23, 2018 – by Kelsey Tamborrino (Politico's Morning Energy) While the numbers are still making their way through the regulatory process, sources tell Pro's Eric Wolff, refiners can expect to blend 500 million more gallons of advanced biofuels ...

[Donnelly Urges President Trump To Take Steps To Lower Gas Prices](#)

May 22, 2018 – (WBIW) Following reports that gas prices are on the rise, U.S. Senator Joe Donnelly today urged President Trump to take an important step towards addressing the price surge by reducing regulatory burdens around the blending of ...

['Climate Change Is Real,' Automakers Declare To Trump](#)

May 22, 2018 –by Ryan Felton (Jalopnik) Major automakers are still reeling from the sudden realization they've collectively succumbed to Stockholm Syndrome, after they buddied up with President Donald Trump to alter fuel economy standards set by his predecessor. Since Trump ...

[Waiver Wire: Why Is the Biofuels Industry up in Arms about Oil Refinery Waivers?](#)

May 22, 2018 – by Jim Lane (Biofuels Digest) ... But they're part of the Washington dialogue this month, waivers and easy outs, since reports surfaced in media that the US Environmental Protection Agency granted a Renewable Fuel Standard hardship waiver ...

[The Interaction of the Clean Air Act, California's CAA Waiver, Corporate Average Fuel Economy Standards, Renewable Fuel Standards and California's Low Carbon Fuel Standard](#)

May 21, 2018 – by Joanne Ivancic* (Advanced Biofuels USA) The Trump Administration is taking a new look at Obama Administration era Co2 regulations. On the transportation side, these include reviewing Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards; threatening to take ...

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May 21, 2018 – (Urban Air Initiative) A proposed rule to make ethanol blends above 15% illegal in anything other than flex fuel vehicles (FFVs) is a potential death blow to the ethanol industry according to the Urban Air Initiative. ...

[Ryan Zinke Moves to Protect Critical Minerals from Foreign Threats](#)

May 18, 2018 –by John Siciliano (Washington Examiner) Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is listing 35 minerals used in aircraft, cellphones, and other important technologies as “vital” to national security in a move to wean the U.S. off foreign suppliers.

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[Rising Fuel Prices Bring into Question EPA Efforts to Reduce Fuel Economy Standards](#)

May 17, 2018 – by Tsvetana Paraskova (Oilprice.com/USA Today) Crude oil and gasoline prices are on the rise after President Donald Trump withdrew from the Iran nuclear deal. Now, many consumers are seeing their extra money go to rising gas ...

[U.S. Agencies Moving forward with Proposing Fuel Economy Revisions](#)

May 16, 2018 –by David Shepardson (Reuters) The Trump administration is moving ahead with plans to submit a series of options for softening fuel efficiency standards to the White House for approval in the coming week, two officials briefed on ...

[Trump Said to Mull Ways to Boost Biofuel Market Transparency](#)

May 16, 2018 –Mario Parker and Jennifer A. Dlouhy (Bloomberg) The Environmental Protection Agency plans to ask for advice on whether — and how — to boost the transparency of an opaque \$9 billion market in biofuel compliance credits ...

[Grassley vs Pruitt: Will Billionaire Bailouts or Biofuels Prevail?](#)

May 16, 2018 – by Jim Lane (Biofuels Digest) Trump in a pickle: support his beleaguered EPA Administrator over oil refinery bailouts, or rally his Midwestern farm-state base? — In Washington, Senator Chuck Grassley of Iowa tweeted:

“I’ve supported Pruitt but if ...

[A Higher Market for Ethanol Former Author of RFS Legislation Sees Octane Levels as Advancement for Ethanol](#)

May 15, 2018 – by Chris Clayton (DTN The Progressive Farmer) Former U.S. Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle keeps close tabs on what's happening with biofuels even though he's been out of the U.S. Senate more than a decade now.

Daschle, ...

[EPA Sends 2019-20 US Biofuel Mandate Proposal to White House](#)

May 15, 2018 – by Meghan Gordon (Platts) The US Environmental Protection Agency has sent its proposal for the federal biofuel mandate's 2019 ethanol volumes and 2020 biodiesel volumes to the White House, according to Office of Management and Budget ...

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[Box Elder Tax Increment Program for Biofuels Company Is on Hold](#)

June 18, 2018 – by Mark Shenefelt (Standard-Examiner) In 2014, the Box Elder County Redevelopment Agency created a \$2.5 million, seven-year tax increment program to support expansions planned at the Washakie Renewable Energy plant in Plymouth. But the county economic ...

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[Ethanol, Farm Groups Sue EPA over Refineries' Biofuels Exemptions](#)

May 30, 2018 –by Chris Prentice and Jarrett Renshaw (Reuters) A coalition of ethanol and farm groups sued the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Tuesday, challenging its decision to free three refineries, including one owned by billionaire investor Carl ...

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[Utilities Join with Tesla to Sue EPA over Fuel Standard Rollback](#)

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[DSM Wins Patent Infringement Case Against Lallemand Related to Low-Glycerol Yeast Technology Applicable in Ethanol Production](#)

May 17, 2018 – (DSM/PR Newswire) Royal DSM, a global science-based company active in health, nutrition and materials received unanimous jury verdict in a Federal Court in Wisconsin concluding that all glycerol reducing ethanol yeast products sold by Lallemand infringe ...

[EPA Slapped With Another Suit Over Vehicle Emissions Standards](#)

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