

TALKING POINTS ON THE NODA

TOP POINTS

- President Trump was right when he called farmers “the backbone of America” and explicitly promised that he would support investments in biofuels and the Renewable Fuel Standard.
- The EPA is now threatening the livelihood of farmers and workers who rely on biodiesel by proposing to retroactively reduce biodiesel volumes in the RFS.
- Reversing already finalized standards is a betrayal to the farmers who have invested in equipment, seed, fertilizer and workers, and to the producers who have invested in increased refining capacity and staffing to meet the increased growth required by law.
- President Trump should reign in his EPA Administrator and ensure that EPA keeps his promise to support rural America.

THE EPA IS TURNING ITS BACK ON RURAL AMERICA

- President Trump explicitly promised farmers that he would support investments in biofuels and the Renewable Fuel Standard.
- The EPA’s latest actions threaten the livelihood of the 64,000 American workers who rely on biodiesel.
- Reducing volumes of biodiesel will harm real communities across rural America who depend on the thousands of good-paying jobs supported by the industry. Adding just 500 million gallons of biodiesel supports an additional 16,000 jobs, primarily in rural America.

WHAT THE NODA DOES

- EPA’s Notice of Data Availability (NODA) explores reducing proposed RVOs even further, in addition to the 2018 biomass-based diesel volume set last year. This proposed reopening of the volumes that were finalized a year ago is unprecedented and potentially catastrophic.
- It’s already having negative effects. After this news from EPA was released, commodity prices dropped—costing the ag economy precious earnings and rural communities critically needed revenues.
- Reversing already set standards isn’t fair to the farmers who have invested in equipment, seed, fertilizer and workers, nor is it fair to the producers who have invested in increased refining capacity and staffing to meet the increased growth required by law.

THE EPA PROPOSAL IS UNPRECEDENTED AND WILL KILL JOBS

- The EPA’s recent proposal would put the biodiesel industry in a stranglehold.
- These proposed volumes are far below the actual capacity of the biodiesel industry to produce fuels here in the United States. U.S. production of biodiesel was 1.9 billion gallons last year with ample capacity to produce more. EPA data shows 4.24 billion gallons of domestic biodiesel capacity registered under the RFS.
- Setting volumes this low will cause severe economic impacts now and in the future—killing jobs today and also killing the pipeline for more jobs that the industry is on track to deliver through plant expansions and new fuel development.

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THE RFS REVITALIZED RURAL AMERICA—THE PROGRAM DESERVES TO GROW, NOT BE CRIPPLED

- The RFS was instrumental in helping major parts of rural America survive the 2008 recession.
- The RFS program increased commodity values, personal earnings, local and state tax revenues, and economic activities in small towns across the heartland.
- The RFS is an incredibly successful program that has boosted the agricultural and rural economies across the country.
- This latest NODA from EPA should be **withdrawn**, and the focus should remain on **growing** this successful program that's vital to the heartland.

PRESIDENT TRUMP SHOULD REIGN IN HIS EPA ADMINISTRATOR, KEEP HIS PROMISES TO BIODIESEL

- Administrator Pruitt is breaking the president's promises to rural America.
- President Trump should direct Administrator Pruitt to keep his promises, withdraw the NODA and raise biodiesel volumes in the Renewable Fuel Standard.