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EPA today proposed reducing its volume mandate for use of advanced biofuels under the Renewable Fuel Standard next year, but kept the requirements for ethanol at the maximum level set under the law.

The agency put the overall 2018 biofuel volume mandate at 19.24 billion gallons, with 15 billion gallons of that in conventional biofuels, or ethanol, and 4.24 billion gallons in advanced biofuels. That put the reduction in advanced fuels at 40 million barrels from the level set for this year.

"Increased fuel security is an important component of the path toward American energy dominance," EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt said in a statement. "We are proposing new volumes consistent with market realities focused on actual production and consumer demand while being cognizant of the challenges that exist in bringing advanced biofuels into the marketplace."

The mandate for cellulosic ethanol, which is included in the advanced biofuel figure, was cut to 228 million gallons, down 23 percent from 2017.

Volumes for advanced biodiesel, also an advanced biofuel, were previously set at 2.1 billion gallons for 2018 and would stay at that level in 2019.

An executive summary attached to the Renewable Volume Obligations said the reduction in advanced biofuels was a move to enhance domestic production at the expense of foreign.

Pruitt also reiterated his promise to get the final rule out by Nov. 30.

WHAT'S NEXT: The agency will take public comment and then try to finalize the rule before the Nov. 30 statutory deadline.

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