

To: Dravis, Samantha[dravis.samantha@epa.gov]
From: POLITICO Pro
Sent: Wed 11/1/2017 2:14:21 PM
Subject: EPA sends biofuel volumes rule to OMB

By Eric Wolff

11/01/2017 10:12 AM EDT

EPA has sent the final volume requirements for the 2018 and 2019 Renewable Fuel Standard to the Office of Management and Budget for interagency review.

The RFS had caused a political rift, with nine senators led by Sen. [Ted Cruz](#) (R-Texas) pressing the White House to broker a meeting with seven Midwestern senators over the rule. Cruz wants new policies that would drive down the price of biofuel credits, a change sought by a group of refiners led by San Antonio-based Valero Energy.

The Midwestern senators, led by Iowa Republican Sens. [Chuck Grassley](#) and [Joni Ernst](#), forced EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt to commit to abandon plans to cut biodiesel volumes and drop discussions to allow exported biofuel to retain the RFS credits.

Pruitt had previously changed the proposed rule after OMB review in July, cutting proposed volumes for cellulosic ethanol.

That proposal left 2018 ethanol volumes at 15 billion gallons, the maximum set by law, and biodiesel volumes for 2019 at 2.1 billion gallons, though Pruitt suggested cutting biodiesel volumes in an August notice.

As of Tuesday, no one had contacted Grassley to set up a White House meeting.

WHAT'S NEXT: The final rule is due from EPA by Nov. 30.

To view online:

<https://www.politicopro.com/agriculture/whiteboard/2017/11/epa-sends-biofuel-volumes-rule-to-omb-095019>

You received this POLITICO Pro content because your customized settings include:

Energy: Scott Pruitt. To change your alert settings, please go to

<https://www.politicopro.com/settings>

This email was sent to dravis.samantha@epa.gov by: POLITICO, LLC 1000 Wilson Blvd.
Arlington, VA, 22209, USA
