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Senate Environment and Public Works Chairman [John Barrasso](#) (R-Wyo.) pressed EPA today to quickly finish studies of the Renewable Fuel Standard's environmental impacts.

The 2007 law shaping the RFS required EPA to study and report to Congress on whether the RFS will hurt air quality, which the agency has not done. EPA has also failed to update a review of the RFS' effects on resource conservation. EPA's inspector general [dinged EPA](#) last year for failing to complete those studies.

"Over the last several years, the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works has heard increasing concerns about the environmental impacts of the RFS," Barrasso wrote in his [letter](#).

The agency plans to finish the resource conservation report by the end of this month, but Barrasso blasted the 2024 target to complete the air quality impact study, calling it "unacceptable."

"EPA cannot ignore the will of Congress and the requirements of the Clean Air Act for 17 years," he wrote. "I ask that you complete this study no later than September 30, 2018."

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