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**Subject:** Re: Item OWH - Embargoed Until Tonight at 9:05 PM ET

Thanks for this, sorry just seeing, was doing a guest lecture earlier this evening at Hopkins. Appreciate the advance!

On Jun 25, 2018, at 8:47 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov](mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov)> wrote:

Joe –

Below is our press release that we will be sending out tomorrow, Tuesday, June 26 at 7:00 AM ET.

You/Omaha World Herald are welcome to report on anything in this release below **tonight, Monday, June 25 at 9:05 PM ET/8:05 PM CT.**

We ask that you do not tweet a picture of the release, but obviously your story can include any content below. We will be sharing this with you and three other outlets first and then everyone tomorrow morning.

If you have questions or want to talk to a policy person on background, **Mandy is on this email and available to talk now** (Ex. 6)

Jahan

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**From:** EPA Press Office [<mailto:press=epa.gov@cmail19.com>] **On Behalf Of** EPA Press Office  
**Sent:** Monday, June 25, 2018 8:15 PM  
**Subject:** EPA Proposes Biofuel Requirements for 2019; On Track to Meet Congressional Deadline - Preview



## EPA Proposes Biofuel Requirements for 2019; On Track to Meet Congressional Deadline

**WASHINGTON (June 26, 2018)** - Today, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt issued a proposed rule under the Renewable Fuel Standards (RFS) program that would set the minimum amount of renewable fuels that must be supplied to the market in calendar year 2019, as well as the biomass based diesel volume standard for calendar year 2020.

**“I’ve traveled to numerous states and heard firsthand about the importance of the RFS to farmers and local communities across the country,”** said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. **“Issuing the proposed rule on time meets Congress’s statutory deadlines, which the previous administration failed to do, and provides regulatory certainty to all impacted stakeholders.”**

Some key elements of today’s action:

- **“Conventional” renewable fuel volumes, primarily met by corn ethanol, would be maintained at the implied 15-billion gallon target set by Congress for 2019.**
- **The advanced biofuel standard for 2019 would be increased by almost 600 million gallons over the 2018 standard.**
- **The cellulosic biofuel standard for 2019 would be increased by almost 100 million gallons over the 2018 standard.**
- **The biomass-based diesel standard for 2020 would be increased by 330 million gallons as compared to over the standard for 2019.**
- **Consistent with the Agency’s commitment to improve the program’s implementation, EPA is also taking comment on a host of ways to improve market transparency, including by limiting who can participate in the Renewable Identification Number (RIN) market and the length of time a RIN can be held.**

## Proposed and Final Renewable Fuel Volume Requirements for 2018-2020

	Final 2018	Proposed 2019	Proposed 2020
Cellulosic biofuel (million gallons)	288	381	n/a
Biomass-based diesel (billion gallons)	2.1	2.1*	2.43
Advanced biofuel (billion gallons)	4.29	4.88	n/a
Renewable fuel (billion gallons)	19.29	19.88	n/a

\*The biomass-based diesel standard for 2019 has already been finalized.

The Clean Air Act requires EPA to set annual RFS volumes of biofuels that must be used for transportation fuel for four categories of biofuels: total, advanced, cellulosic, and biomass-based diesel. EPA is using the tools provided by Congress to adjust the standards below the statutory targets based on current market realities. EPA implements the RFS program in consultation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Energy.

For more information on today's announcement, go

to: <https://www.epa.gov/renewable-fuel-standard-program/regulations-and-volume-standards-renewable-fuel-standards>

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