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**Subject:** NODA for proposed 2018 RFS volumes

Stephanie,

Per our exchange last night, I wanted to provide the following regarding the Administrator's signature of a Notice of Data Availability (NODA) yesterday related to *Renewable Fuel Volume Standards for 2018 and Biomass Based Diesel (BBD) Volume for 2019* proposed rule:

This NODA provides the public notice and an opportunity to comment on potential reductions to the 2018 biomass-based diesel, advanced biofuel, and total renewable fuel volumes, and the 2019 biomass-based diesel volume under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) program.

The NODA presents historical data on imports of renewable fuel and several options for how the EPA may consider such data in establishing the final volume requirements using one or more of the waiver authorities provided by the statute. Once the NODA is published in the Federal Register, there will be a 15-day comment period. It is important to note the NODA only requests comment on specific issues addressed within; comments on the overall proposal were due by August 31<sup>st</sup>. EPA intends to meet the **November 30 statutory deadline** for issuing the final volumes.

**I want to clarify that the purpose of the NODA is to seek comment on an approach that discounts imports for purposes of setting a domestic mandate. The NODA is looking for input and not forecasting any specific direction.**

Troy or I would be happy to discuss this further. Please know that we make every effort to inform the Governor in a timely manner of major EPA announcements and will make sure our messaging on similar issues moving forward is prompt. I know the Administrator and Governor Reynolds have formed a valuable working relationship and we look forward to continuing our work with the Governor and her staff.

Regards,  
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