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EPA on Thursday submitted its proposed 2018 biofuels requirements to the White House for review.

EPA will need the rule back from OMB by early June if it is to release a final rule on time by Nov. 30.

Sources have told POLITICO the mandate would require blending of 15 billion gallons of conventional biofuel, usually filled by corn-based ethanol, based on Energy Information Administration forecasts of continued increase in gasoline demand next year. They also said the agency was unlikely to address the question of which companies must bear the obligation for complying with the program as part of the volumes rule.

**WHAT'S NEXT:** OMB will take meetings with oil and biofuels interests and possibly adjust the rule before proposal.

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