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EPA could release a proposed rule setting the biofuel volume mandates for 2019 as soon as this afternoon, industry sources tell POLITICO.

An ethanol and an oil industry source said the agency will keep the conventional ethanol volumes at 15 billion gallons, and increase the requirement for advanced biofuels to 4.38 billion gallons, up 100 million gallons from 2017.

The release of the proposal could slip to Friday, the sources said.

EPA did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The mid-June release could make it difficult for EPA to issue the final rule by the deadline of Nov. 30, something Administrator Scott Pruitt has said he wants. EPA sent the proposal to OMB last month.

The oil industry had hoped EPA might lower the volumes from the statutory maximum set for 2017, but government projections for higher gasoline consumption next year made that unlikely.

WHAT'S NEXT: EPA will take public comment after release of the proposal.

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