

The U.S. EPA Landfill Methane Outreach Program (LMOP) is providing information to its stakeholders about an Office of Transportation and Air Quality **proposed rule to update EPA's renewable fuel standard (RFS)**. The Clean Air Act requires EPA to set annual renewable fuel percentage standards.

Public Hearing: August 1, 2017 Public Comment Period Ends: August 31, 2017

On July 21, 2017, EPA published a proposed rule titled, **"Renewable Fuel Standard Program: Standards for 2018 and Biomass-Based Diesel Volume for 2019."** In the rule, EPA proposed **volume requirements** under the RFS program for cellulosic biofuel, advanced biofuel and total renewable fuel for calendar year 2018 as well as biomass-based diesel (BBD) volume standards for calendar year 2019. EPA stated it is proposing to reduce the required volume of all the fuel categories except BBD due to an anticipated shortfall in cellulosic biofuel production.

Fuel	2018	2019
Cellulosic biofuel (million gallons)	238	n/a
Biomass-based diesel (billion gallons)	2.1 ^(b)	2.1
Advanced biofuel (billion gallons)	4.24	n/a

Renewable fuel (billion gallons)

The proposed volume requirements are shown in the following table^(a):

(a) All values are ethanol-equivalent on an energy content basis, except for BBD which is biodiesel-equivalent. (b) The 2018 BBD volume requirement was established in the 2017 final rule (81 FR 89746, December 12, 2016).

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EPA will hold a **public hearing** on this proposal on **August 1, 2017** in Washington, D.C. The period for **public input and comment** is open through **August 31, 2017**.

For more information, see <u>https://www.epa.gov/renewable-fuel-standard-program</u> /proposed-volume-standards-2018-and-biomass-based-diesel-volume-2019.

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