

## EPA's Proposed Renewable Volume Standards - Notice of Data Availability



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

On October 4, 2017, EPA published a NODA to present **additional data on production, imports and cost of renewable fuels**, and several options of how EPA may consider such data in establishing final volume requirements. This NODA provides notice and an **opportunity to comment** on potential options for reductions in the 2018 biomass-based diesel, advanced biofuel, and total renewable fuel volumes, and/or the 2019 biomass-based diesel volume.

The period for **public comment** is open through **October 19, 2017**.

### **Background**

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.

The public comment period for the proposed rule ended on August 31, 2017.

**For more information on the NODA**, see <https://www.epa.gov/renewable-fuel-standard-program/notice-data-availability-concerning-potential-reductions-volume>.

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