



STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
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February 25, 2025

The Honorable Lee Zeldin
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Office of the Administrator, 1101A
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Zeldin,

Thank you for your strong leadership in your first few weeks as Administrator. As Governor of South Dakota, I look forward to working with you on commonsense policies that protect our citizens' health and environment while still ensuring their freedom.

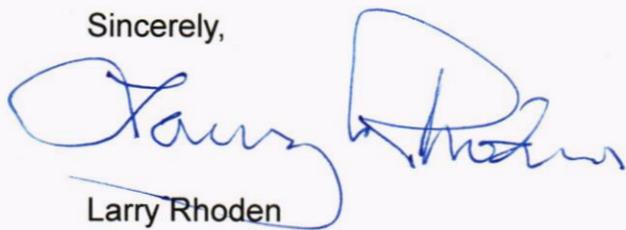
With agriculture being South Dakota's number one industry, I am an advocate for our farmers and am eager to see a nationwide solution to E15 gasoline. In 2022, South Dakota, along with 7 other midwestern states, requested removal of the one-pound Reid Vapor Pressure waiver through the Clean Air Act.

There was hope a federal solution would come to fruition, eliminating the impending state-by-state approach. With the final rule implementation nearing, I have heard concerns from South Dakota's petroleum industry, specifically in the westernmost part of the state. Potential supply chain disruptions in this region have been exacerbated from a recent incident at a refinery which supplies much of western South Dakota.

With that, I am requesting delayed implementation no earlier than the spring of 2026 in the following counties: Butte, Custer, Fall River, Harding, Lawrence, Meade, Oglala Lakota, Pennington, and Perkins.

As we continue to seek a permanent national solution, we also urge the issuance of emergency fuel waivers to allow for the year-round sale of E15 gasoline due to supply chain concerns.

Sincerely,

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Larry Rhoden
Governor