



U.S. Oil & Refining Co.

May 21, 2025

**VIA ELECTRONIC AND CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Honorable Lee Zeldin
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20460

**Re: Notice of Intent to Sue Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 7604(b)(2) for Failure to Issue
Decision on Small Refinery Hardship Petition Pursuant to § 7545(o)(9)(B)(iii)**

Dear Administrator Zeldin:

On behalf of U.S. Oil & Refining Company (“U.S. Oil”), we submit this notice of intent to sue the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA” or the “Administrator”) for the Administrator’s failure to perform a non-discretionary duty under the Clean Air Act (“CAA”) and to seek a court order requiring the Administrator to perform that nondiscretionary duty. 42 U.S.C. § 7604(a)(2); *id.* § 7604(b)(2). Specifically, EPA has not acted on U.S. Oil’s petition for small refinery hardship relief from the Renewable Fuel Standard (“RFS”) for the 2024 and 2025 compliance years by the statutory deadline. EPA has a non-discretionary duty to act on any petition for small refinery hardship relief within ninety (90) days of receipt of the petition. 42 U.S.C. § 7545(o)(9)(B)(iii). EPA failed to perform that non-discretionary duty when it failed to act on U.S. Oil’s 2024–2025 hardship petition by March 27, 2025—90 days after U.S. Oil submitted the 2024–2025 petition on December 27, 2024. EPA’s failure to act by the statutory deadline also constitutes “agency action unlawfully withheld” and “unreasonably delayed.” 5 U.S.C. § 706(1). U.S. Oil gives notice of its intent to sue to compel that action. *Id.*

U.S. Oil urges the Administrator to decide U.S. Oil’s 2024–2025 hardship petition immediately, in order to avoid the need for litigation.

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 54.3(a), the full name and address of the person providing this notice on behalf of U.S. Oil is:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey R. Hollis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

Jeffrey R. Hollis
General Counsel and Secretary