

Fact Sheet: EPA’s Final “Set 2” Rule Under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) Program

President Trump promised a Golden Age of American agriculture. Once again, his administration is delivering through EPA’s final “Set 2” rule which sets the highest renewable fuel volumes in the history of the program. For 20 years, the RFS program has worked to diversify our nation’s energy supply, improve energy independence and support rural economies. EPA is proud to deliver on this mission and do so at historic levels. EPA’s “Set 2” puts our farmers and America first.

Action Taken by Trump EPA:

- The “Set 2” final rule realigns the RFS program with Congress’ original intent—increasing the use of homegrown American biofuels—putting American farmers first and promoting American energy independence.
- In the 20th year of the RFS program, the rule sets the highest renewable fuel volumes in the history of the program, demonstrating the Trump administration’s ongoing commitment to American farmers.
- “Set 2” creates a larger, more stable, and more reliable domestic market for U.S. crops, generating billions of dollars for rural economies and creating thousands of good-paying jobs.

Prosperity for Americans:

- The “Set 2” final rule **generates over \$10 billion** for rural economies and **creates over 100,000 good-paying jobs** in the agricultural and manufacturing sectors.
- By expanding the use of American-made ethanol, biodiesel, and renewable diesel, EPA is helping to **secure and expand** the nation’s energy supply.
 - EPA estimates that biodiesel and renewable diesel production and use will need to **increase by over 60%** compared to volumes under Biden-Harris administration.
- EPA’s “Set 2” **reduces U.S. dependence on foreign oil** by roughly 300,000 barrels per day.

Returning to the Rule of Law

- The Trump EPA is restoring the RFS program to align with the plain language of the Clean Air Act (CAA).
- Just like the Obama and Biden administrations did with so many actions, they proposed to twist and manipulate the original intent of the RFS program to fit their radical climate agenda.
- “Electricity” is never mentioned in the RFS CAA language, yet the Obama and Biden administrations set up the framework to allow electricity under the RFS. In stark contrast, liquid or gaseous fuels are mentioned over 50 times.
- Their effort was about furthering an out-of-touch political agenda of pushing electric vehicles on Americans.
- The “Set 2” rule removes the definition of “renewable electricity”.

Program Background

- The RFS program, established by Congress in the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and expanded under the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, mandates that transportation fuel sold in the U.S. contains a minimum volume of renewable fuels. Under these statutes, EPA is required to set volume requirements for the RFS program for the years after 2022. The initial “Set” rule was issued by EPA in 2023 to establish renewable fuel standards in the U.S. for the years 2023–2025.