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EMA Regulatory Alert: EPA Issues Early E15 Summertime Waiver and Addresses E10 Standards In Seven Midwestern States

EPA issued an emergency waiver under the Clean Air Act authorizing nationwide E15 sales during the 2026 summer driving season, citing "extreme and unusual fuel supply circumstances" resulting from the Middle East conflict. The waiver takes effect May 1 and is expected to run in successive 20-day increments through September 15. The earlier start than last year is intended to give terminal operators and retailers additional lead time to prepare for the June 1–September 15 summer driving season when E15 sales are otherwise restricted under federal Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) limits.

EPA also acted to address E10 standards in seven Midwest states — Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Wisconsin — that previously petitioned EPA to eliminate the 1-psi RVP waiver. By restoring that waiver, EPA ensures E10 and E15 are sold on equal footing in those markets, reducing the risk of supply disruptions and cost disparities that harmed distributors and retailers in 2025.

On the scope of relief, EPA declared:

“This waiver extends the ethanol blending limit in gasoline from 10 percent to 15 percent, reinstates the 1 psi allowance for ethanol blends in states where it was previously removed, waives Federal low volatility gasoline standards, and waives federal enforcement of all state ‘boutique’ fuel requirements for gasoline.” See waiver [here](#).

Notably, as part of this action, EPA is waiving federal RVP requirements for both reformulated gasoline (RFG) and conventional gasoline, effectively setting a 10.0 psi RVP standard nationwide during the waiver period. While this federal waiver establishes a uniform baseline, its implementation at the state level may vary. Some states incorporate federal RVP requirements by reference into their State Implementation Plans (SIPs), which could result in automatic adoption of the 10.0 psi standard. In other states, additional regulatory action may be required. EMA is actively engaging with stakeholders across the supply chain and the agency to obtain additional clarification on the RFG relief implications.

Additionally, per the American Petroleum Institute, regardless of SIP treatment, states may need to address ASTM D4814, as Table 6 of that specification incorporates RVP requirements for counties subject to RFG standards. This introduces an additional compliance consideration for stakeholders operating in covered areas.

“For branded fuel marketers, the practical implications are significant,” said EMA President Rob Underwood. “Branded marketers, however, need to confirm with their suppliers whether summer-grade blendstock specifications are being adjusted in light of the restored E10 waiver in the affected Midwest states.”

Marketers operating in those seven states who source from terminals that had already transitioned to lower-RVP summer-grade products should verify current terminal inventory positions and pricing. Branded jobbers with supply agreements tied to posted rack pricing should also be alert to potential short-term price volatility as terminals and refiners respond to the earlier-than-usual waiver timing.

Finally, marketers should also be aware of downstream compliance obligations associated with offering E15, being mindful of regulated product changes that triggers notification requirements under state underground storage tank (UST) programs.

Separately, the Trump administration is expected to release the final 2026–2027 Renewable Volume Obligations (RVOs) soon. EPA Administrator Zeldin has said that the rule will be finalized before the end of this month. Reports indicate the final RVO levels will not materially differ from the June 2025 proposed volumes, which called for significant increases in total renewable fuel obligations while reducing RINs generated from imported feedstocks — a provision that could modestly tighten RIN supplies and affect compliance costs for obligated parties. Reports also differ on reallocations of RVOs from small refinery exemptions. EMA will provide a further analysis when the RVOs are finalized.

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EMA Files Amicus Brief in Federal Circuit Appeal, Urging Exclusion of Illicit Chinese Vaping Products

On Monday, EMA filed an *amicus curiae* (friend-of-the-court) brief with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, in *RAI Strategic Holdings, Inc. v. International Trade Commission*, in support of Reynolds Tobacco’s motion for summary reversal of the International Trade Commission’s (ITC) refusal to exclude infringing disposable vaping products manufactured in China.

The case centers on whether the ITC should have issued an exclusion order barring Chinese-made disposable vapes from the U.S. market for infringing on Reynolds’ patents. While the appeal to the Federal Circuit is grounded in patent law, EMA’s told the court that its interest is in the economic impacts of the remedy – the illicit products Reynolds seeks to exclude from entering the country are undercutting petroleum marketers that sell tobacco products every day.

EMA’s *amicus* brief makes three arguments:

- Retailer fairness. Illicit vaping products bypass the FDA’s Premarket Tobacco Product Application process, evade federal and state excise taxes, and undercut compliant retailers on price — not through efficiency, but through lawbreaking.
- Child safety. These products are intentionally engineered — through candy-inspired flavors, cartoon packaging, and social media marketing — to recruit children and adolescents as nicotine consumers.
- Rule of law. A robust ITC exclusion order reinforces that compliance with federal and state regulatory requirements is not optional, benefiting every law-abiding business in the marketplace.
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Inside the Beltway Update

On March 25, EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin announced emergency waivers to permit the temporary sale of E15 gasoline during the upcoming summer driving season. This decision is intended to bolster the domestic fuel supply and provide financial relief to consumers at the pump, especially as the conflict in Iran has triggered a spike in fertilizer prices and general energy market instability. The emergency waiver is scheduled to go into effect on May 1 and will initially remain in place through May 20, with the potential for further extensions. Additionally, the EPA is also removing federal impediments to selling E10 and waiving

enforcement of various state "boutique" fuel requirements. These actions establish a single common standard across the United States for gasoline containing 9 to 15 percent ethanol. Although President Trump has supported a deal for permanent year-round E15 sales, efforts to pass such legislation remain stalled in Congress. Furthermore, stakeholders are awaiting a final EPA ruling, expected by the end of March, that will set the required volumes of biofuels to be mixed into the national supply and determine how small refinery exemptions will be handled.

Yesterday EMA joined other cosigners in sending a letter to Senate Majority Leader John Thune (R-SD) Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY), House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) and Minority Leader Hakeem Jefferies (D-NY) urging congress to reinstate the \$1 per gallon Section 40A biodiesel blending tax credit of the Internal Revenue Code. Reinstating the biodiesel blenders credit will minimize the escalating rise in diesel prices.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer recently introduced a five-point energy and climate change agenda at a League of Conservation Voters gala, outlining Democratic priorities should they regain the Senate majority in the upcoming midterm elections. The strategy seeks to expand the Democratic coalition by framing clean energy as a means to achieve lower electricity bills and job growth rather than focusing solely on environmental protection. This shift highlights a party-wide effort to emphasize affordability while attempting to gain the net four seats required to reclaim control of the chamber. The blueprint includes a return to Inflation Reduction Act clean energy tax incentives that were rolled back by the Trump administration. Politically, the plan offers a partisan permitting concept intended to provide "legislative certainty" for clean energy projects, Schumer stated that permitting legislation "never must come at the expense of our obligation to protect local communities and safeguard the environment."

While Democrats have recently been less vocal about climate change to test its palatability with voters, this rollout demonstrates a willingness to engage the issue through the lens of economic benefit. To support this agenda, Senate Democrats have already begun forcing votes on resolutions aimed at undoing Republican-led rollbacks of clean energy tax policies.

Senate Republicans recently blocked a Democratic resolution aimed at overturning Trump administration guidance that restricts access to renewable energy tax credits for solar and wind companies. Democrats argued that this guidance, combined with the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act," has increased electricity prices and unfairly "strangles" renewable energy by tightening construction requirements and eliminating long-standing eligibility rules. Despite some past Republican interest in easing the phase-out of these incentives, no GOP members joined the effort, maintaining a partisan deadlock where Republicans continue to protect administration actions from Democratic repeal attempts.

EMA Washington Conference and Day on the Hill – May 13-15, 2026: Please Make Your Hotel Reservation and Register Now

EMA's annual Washington Conference and Day on the Hill will be held in Washington, DC from May 13-15 at [The Mayflower Hotel](#). Our industry continues to have many important legislative and regulatory issues to discuss and the Day on the Hill remains the primary focus of this conference for you to meet with your members of Congress and network with other marketers from across the country!

Hotel reservations will close April 30 at 6:00 pm Eastern or when the room block is sold out. Tuesday night (2 available), Wednesday night (19 available), and Thursday night (Sold out). If we sell out, please refer to Additional Hotel Information #3.

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April 28, 2026 - IPM&CSA (Idaho) Ridgecrest PAC Golf Tournament, Nampa, ID
June 2-3, 2026 MPMCSA (Montana) Convention, Fairmont Resort, Fairmont, MT
June 15-17, 2026 WOMA (Washington) Convention, Suncadia Resort, Cle Elum, WA
July 12-14, 2026 OFA (Oregon) Conference, Sunriver Resort, Sunriver, OR
Aug 5-7, 2026 IPM&CSA (Idaho) Convention, Coeur d'Alene Resort, Coeur d'Alene, ID
Aug 18-19, 2026 NMPMA (New Mexico) Convention, Sandia Resort, Albuquerque, NM
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