

Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives

Modifications to Renewable Fuel Standard Program Requirements

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is taking direct final action to amend the current Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) program requirements, which took effect on September 1, 2007. This action addresses technical errors and areas requiring minor clarifications or modifications in the existing RFS program regulations.

Background

Following publication of the final RFS regulations in May 2007, EPA discovered a number of technical errors and areas within the regulations that could benefit from clarification or modification. This direct final rule amends the regulations to make the appropriate corrections, clarifications and modifications.

Many of the amendments contained in this direct final rule address grammatical or typographical errors, or provide minor clarifications. A few amendments are being made in order to assist regulated entities in complying with the RFS program requirements and lessen regulatory requirements where possible without compromising the goals of the RFS program. These amendments codify interpretations of the RFS regulations laid out in the Question & Answer document developed for parties regulated under the RFS (www.epa.gov/otaq/renewablefuels/420f08006.pdf).

This rule does not address changes to the RFS program called for under the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. EPA is currently undertaking a complete rulemaking process that will include a proposal and public comment period on new regulations prior to finalizing them. This action addresses only technical errors and areas requiring minor clarifications or modifications in the existing RFS program regulations.

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