



March 6, 2026

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

Dear Administrator Zeldin,

Thank you again for your decision last year to uphold the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) regulation providing regulatory certainty for fuel suppliers and expanding year-round consumer access to lower-cost E15 in several Midwest states. This action ensured equal regulatory treatment for both E10 and E15 in our states, thereby ensuring E15 could be readily available to our consumers during summer months.

Given that Congress has yet to deliver regulatory relief to expedite nationwide, year-round E15 sales, we join with many others to call on EPA to provide a nationwide emergency waiver for E15 during the coming months to ensure ample, low-cost fuel options for consumers.

With calls for the EPA to provide nationwide emergency relief for E15 due to the ongoing fuel supply shortages, **we are requesting that if EPA issues emergency waivers for E15, those waivers also allow E10 to exceed the applicable RVP standard at 40 CFR 1090.215(b)(3)(ii) by 1 psi for the areas included in Table 2 of that section.** This would ensure that consistent and uniform fuel specifications for both E10 and E15 are applied nationwide for the upcoming summer.

Given the national energy emergency we are currently experiencing, our consumers need reliable and affordable fuel options, like E15, during the busy summer driving season. The extreme and unusual fuel supply circumstances caused by the ongoing war in Ukraine, Iran, and other geopolitical tensions will create volatility and unpredictability for U.S. and global stocks of crude oil and petroleum products.

It is important, however, that relief does not return our states to the time of unequal regulations for E10 and E15, resulting in fuel fungibility issues during a national fuel supply crisis. By granting the waiver for both E10 and E15, EPA will ensure uniform standards for both E10 and E15, will increase available fuel supplies thereby lowering consumer costs, and will maximize fuel fungibility whereby all conventional gasoline can be used throughout the nation for both E10 and E15.

In order to maximize the beneficial supply and price impacts of an E15 (and E10) emergency waiver, we strongly urge you to announce by March 15 that the waiver will be approved.

Thank you again for your leadership and your efforts to secure year-round consumer access to lower-cost, cleaner-burning E15 fuel.

Sincerely,



Kim Reynolds  
Governor of Iowa



Jim Pillen  
Governor of Nebraska



Mike Kehoe  
Governor of Missouri



Tony Evers  
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