

Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS)

Strengthen Our Nation by Fixing a Broken Standard

Background

The Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) could threaten America's economy, environment and energy security if action is not taken to "fix" this broken program. Americans have already experienced negative unintended consequences of this policy through higher food prices, damaged engines and harm to the environment – all of which can continue if our government does not take action.

Negative Impacts of the RFS

Increasing ethanol mandates could have negative economic and environmental impacts:

Engine Damage. The use of higher ethanol blends (e.g., E15) could lead to engine damage in vehicles¹ and small equipment used by American consumers and our military. Even the Coast Guard warns about the risks of using E15 in boats or other marine engines.²

Higher Costs. Veterans and their families could see higher food and fuel costs³ if the administration continues to increase federal ethanol mandates.

Environmental Damage. Increasing corn and soybean production for ethanol could continue the unintended consequence of serious environmental repercussions in loss of conservation land, wildlife habitat, increased greenhouse gas emissions (GHG), soil erosion and contaminated water.^{4,5}

The RFS is a Flawed Policy

The RFS requires the blending of ever-increasing amounts of ethanol into America's fuel – even when the demand does not exist. Furthermore, this policy, which was intended to protect the environment, unintentionally damages it.

Many Agree – the RFS Must be Fixed

The harmful effects of the continuation of RFS mandates are recognized by organizations across the nation, including restaurants; motorcycle associations; marine manufacturers; producers of poultry, pork and beef – and even charities and environmental groups – all who are urging action to fix the RFS.

Our Position

Vets4Energy fully supports sound environmental regulations and policies which encourage all forms of energy. However, we do not support unrealistic or unnecessary regulations, such as the RFS, that could harm the economic and energy security of Americans. Therefore, we support measures that would fix the RFS.

We must fix the broken Renewable Fuel Standard to protect our nation's energy, economic and national security.