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American Biogas Council Statement on EPA's Final 2018 Fuel Targets

WASHINGTON, D.C.— The American Biogas Council (ABC) released the following statement in response to EPA's final rule on 2018 Renewable Fuel Standard volumes - the Renewable Fuel Standard Program: Standards for 2018 and Biomass-Based Diesel Volume for 2019.

"The American Biogas Council is glad to see that in keeping with Administrator Pruitt's statement earlier this year, the final volumes for 2018 have been released on time and are not as bad as initially proposed, regarding both the actual volumes for biogas and the counting methodology to derive them. However, we remain disappointed about several elements in the final rule.

First, while the final volumes for 2018 show an increase from the proposed 2018 volumes, they show a decrease from the 2017 volumes in an industry that EPA has acknowledged is growing. As the final rule itself states, biogas is playing the leading role in the production of next generation cellulosic fuels.

Second, we recognize and appreciate the improvements that the EPA made to their proposed new counting methodology in the final rule. But the new counting methodology is still a step backwards from the methodology used in previous years and is also backwards-looking, which is inappropriate for the forward-looking RFS.

Third, it is disappointing that EPA has passed another rule that fails to activate the existing electric pathway in the RFS. We urge EPA to use existing regulations, and issue any necessary EPA guidance, to maximize opportunities for small producers to participate in and benefit from the RFS electric pathway in 2018.

Overall, the ABC remains appreciative of the role the Renewable Fuel Standard plays in driving growth in the biogas industry. When we build more biogas systems, we produce more homegrown renewable fuel, create new infrastructure and jobs, promote domestic investment, increase energy security and protect our air, water and soil. We hope that in the future, the EPA will take stronger steps to support the growth of industries like ours which are trying increase renewable fuel production—the reason that Congress created the RFS."

About the American Biogas Council

The American Biogas Council is the only national trade association representing the entire biogas industry in the U.S. The ABC represents over 200 companies in all parts of the biogas supply chain who are dedicated to maximizing the production and use of biogas and digestate from organic waste. Find us online at www.AmericanBiogasCouncil.org, Twitter [@ambiogascouncil](https://twitter.com/ambiogascouncil), LinkedIn in the American Biogas Council group and on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...).

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