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## American Biogas Council Condemns EPA's Continued Abuse of RFS Waivers

August 13, 2019 - WASHINGTON - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced it has issued a staggering 31 small refinery waivers that were requested for the 2018 compliance year. Before 2016, EPA granted seven to nine waivers per year. The 2018 waivers represent 1.43 billion gallons of renewable fuel demand, many of which the biogas industry had been planning to supply. Additionally, EPA has indicated that they do not intend to reallocate these gallons to other obligating parties, which further contributes to the erosion of the market and defies court orders to do so.

"The EPA and Trump's Administration clearly have a flagrant disregard for the livelihood of farmers, rural America and renewable fuel producers of all kinds," said Patrick Serfass, Executive Director of the American Biogas Council. "In a year in which agricultural interests have suffered under the strain of President Trump's trade war, this action is especially callous. Due to the large volume of fuel represented by these waivers, the biogas industry will undoubtedly stop development and investment in many new projects that should be creating new jobs and infrastructure in rural, suburban and urban America. This is not how the RFS was designed to work.

"It seems that President Trump's campaign promises to support the RFS were empty at best, as his EPA is doing everything within their power to undermine markets and disregard court orders. This abuse must stop immediately. EPA must follow the letter and spirit of the law that Congress passed."

Biogas qualifies as a cellulosic fuel and can be utilized to make compressed and liquefied renewable natural gas and comprises over 90% of the cellulosic category of the RFS. The ability to participate in this program brings significant value to biogas systems which provide much more societal value than just producing renewable fuel. Biogas systems recycle organic material, protect our air, water and soil and strengthen rural and urban economies while creating jobs and catalyzing new investment.

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### ***About the American Biogas Council***

The American Biogas Council is the only national trade association representing the entire biogas industry in the U.S. We represent over 200 companies in all parts of the biogas supply chain who are dedicated to maximizing the production and use of biogas from organic waste. Biogas systems protect our air, water and soil by recycling organic material, like food waste and manure, into renewable energy and soil products. Learn more online at [www.AmericanBiogasCouncil.org](http://www.AmericanBiogasCouncil.org), and on Twitter [@ambioascouncil](https://twitter.com/ambioascouncil), [LinkedIn](#) and [YouTube](#).