



April 4, 2022

The Honorable Michael Regan
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan:

We are writing to encourage the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to exercise its emergency waiver authority pursuant to Section 211(c)(4)(C)(ii) of the Clean Air Act to waive the 9-psi Reid vapor pressure (RVP) limitation for gasoline blended with 15 percent ethanol (E15) for the 2022 summer ozone control season (June 1 through September 15). Doing so will give the citizens of our states relief from the volatile and record-high gas prices, including price increases caused by Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

It is within the EPA's statutory authority to issue such an emergency waiver. And issuing the waiver would result in both lower pump prices and lower overall tailpipe emissions. E15 retail prices are currently significantly below the prices for E10 or gas without ethanol. And E15 has lower emissions than E10, which is allowed a 1-pound per square inch (psi) RVP waiver.

Allowing the higher blend of ethanol also would support our nation's efforts toward reducing our dependence on foreign oil – especially during this time of global instability.

Given all these benefits to our States and the nation, we urge the EPA to take action now. With your support, home-grown E15 can play an important role addressing our current fuel challenges.

We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Kansas Attorney General

Tom Miller
Iowa Attorney General