

March 15, 2010

The Honorable Lisa Jackson
Environmental Protection Agency
Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Subject: EPA's Pending Decision on the Introduction of E15 and Opportunity for Public Input

Dear Administrator Jackson:

We write to express our concern that EPA may decide to allow the introduction into commerce of mid-level ethanol blends such as E15 based on new information that was not available for public comment when the docket was open last year. We respectfully but strongly request that EPA provide for a second period of public comment on any data, tests, or studies that EPA may take into consideration in making its determination if such information was not available for review and comment as of the close of the initial public comment period on July 20, 2009.

We continue to urge EPA to base any decision to permit the introduction of mid-level ethanol blends – whether a general waiver or the “partial” waiver concept on which EPA invited public comment previously -- on a complete and sound scientific record and in accordance with the procedures of the Clean Air Act. EPA in effect acknowledged that this scientific record was far from complete in December 2009 when it deferred a regulatory decision on mid-level blends. To the extent that there are additions to this scientific record subsequent to July 20, 2009 on which EPA will base its ultimate decision, the public must have an opportunity to review and comment on those additions prior to an EPA decision.

In advance, thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

American Conservative Union
American Frozen Food Institute
American Lung Association
American Meat Institute
American Petroleum Institute
American Sportfishing Association
Americans for Tax Reform
Association for Dressings and Sauces
Association of International Automobile Manufacturers
Association of Marina Industries
Boat Owners Association of the United States (BoatUS)

Center for Auto Safety
Center for Coastal Conservation
Consumer Federation of America
Engine Manufacturers Association
Environmental Working Group
FarmEcon LLC
Friends of the Earth
Georgia Poultry Federation
Grocery Manufacturers Association
International Liquid Terminals Association
International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association
Motorcycle Industry Council
National Association of Margarine Manufacturers
National Association of Truck Stop Operators
National Boating Federation
National Chicken Council
National Council of Chain Restaurants
National Marine Manufacturers Association
National Petrochemical and Refiners Association
National Restaurant Association
National Turkey Federation
Natural Resources Defense Council
Outdoor Power Equipment Institute
Personal Watercraft Industry Association
Public Citizen
Petroleum Marketers Association of America
Sierra Club
Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council
Snack Food Association
Union of Concerned Scientists

cc: Senator Barbara Boxer
Senator James Inhofe
Congressman Henry Waxman
Congressman Joe Barton
The Honorable Carol Browner