

April 15, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan
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Environmental Protection Agency
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First, I want to thank the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approving the request made by the coalition of Midwest Governors, led by Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds, to allow the summer sale of E15 gasoline in 2025 and beyond. This certainty is hugely important to consumers, fuel retailers and biofuel producers. However, this decision still leaves the availability of E15 in the summer of 2024 up in the air.

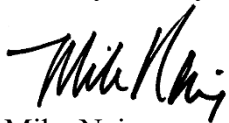
With the summer driving season less than a month away, EPA must take urgent action to ensure that consumers do not lose access to E15. Not only will E15 save Iowa drivers an estimated \$38.4 million at the pump this year compared to E10, but it is also the cleanest burning fuel option for 96% of vehicles on the road today.

Consumers want E15, and demand is increasing as more stations upgrade their infrastructure to offer higher blends of ethanol. Consider the following statistics in the State of Iowa in 2023:

- 178.5 million gallons of E15 were sold, a dramatic increase of 47.4% compared to 2022
- 13.3% of all gasoline sales were E15, compared to 9.5% in 2022
- \$26.8 million in estimated consumer savings compared to E10

I urge EPA to allow the sale of E15 gasoline this summer. Failure to do so will result in higher fuel prices, greater emissions and less choices at the pump with the unnecessary removal of a clean-burning, homegrown, American energy option.

Thank you for your consideration.



Mike Naig
Iowa Secretary of Agriculture