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American Biogas Council Reacts to EPA's Final Renewable Fuel Volumes for 2019

WASHINGTON, D.C.– On November 30, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released the *Renewable Fuel Standards Program: Standards for 2019 Biomass-Based Diesel Volume 2020* which sets the final volumes for renewable fuels in the Renewable Fuel Standard. The American Biogas Council (ABC), the trade association for the entire US biogas industry, released the following statement in response. Biogas systems recycle organic material like food and yard waste, sewage sludge and animal manure, producing renewable energy in addition to valuable soil products.

“The ABC is very grateful that the EPA has, again, released the final volumes in a timely fashion as certainty helps to finance and build new biogas systems. We are also pleased that the EPA continues to highlight the strong and growing role of biogas in the RFS. Of the 418 million gallons of cellulosic biofuel called for in the RFS, the vast majority, 388 million gallons, are requested from biogas and that represents a 45% increase in production from the 2018 volumes. This is a concrete validation of the significant growth in the biogas industry year over year,” said Patrick Serfass, the ABC Executive Director.

“At the same time, we are disappointed, again, that this rule shows zero progress toward activating the biogas to renewable electricity (eRIN) pathway. This important part of the RFS has remained fallow since its inclusion in EPA’s 2014 Final Rule. Activating the eRIN pathway will stimulate additional growth in the biogas industry which will lead to cleaner air and water, lower greenhouse gas emissions and healthier soil. We want EPA to activate the eRIN pathway immediately by processing the project registrations that are already in EPA’s hands.”

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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. 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](#).

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