



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

THE ADMINISTRATOR

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The Honorable Nikki Haley  
Governor of South Carolina  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

I am writing in response to your petition for waiver of the 2014 Renewable Fuel Standard volumes. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency exercised its authority to waive those volumes, as well as volumes for 2015 and 2016, in the final rulemaking titled "Renewable Fuel Standard Program: Standards for 2014, 2015, and 2016 and Biomass-Based Diesel Volume for 2017," which was recently signed and made available on our website and will be published in the Federal Register.

Since the EPA waived volumes for 2014 in this final rule, we have responded to your petition as part of the final rulemaking. As explained in Section I.6 of the rule, to the extent that the waiver included in the final rule satisfies your request, your petition has become moot and the EPA does not intend to take further action with respect to it. The EPA has denied your petition to the extent it seeks differing reductions in applicable volumes than are set forth in this final rule. Please see the text of the rule and the document containing our response to public comments for further discussion of the rationale for our decision.

If you have further questions or concerns, please contact me or your staff may call Mark Rupp, Deputy Associate Administrator for Intergovernmental Relations, at [rupp.mark@epa.gov](mailto:rupp.mark@epa.gov) or at (202)564-7178.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Gina McCarthy", is positioned above the printed name.

Gina McCarthy