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Dear Kevin,

America's natural gas and oil industry is one of the nation's [leading employers](#), supporting 10.3 million jobs while delivering the energy that powers homes and businesses and fuels the economy in [countless ways](#). And opportunities are only expected to grow. With 1.9 million [new job opportunities](#) expected in the oil, natural gas and petrochemicals industries by 2035, there is a growing need for workers with a variety of skills – especially in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) fields.

Last week the RAND Corporation released a study demonstrating that [STEM education](#) leads to greater employment opportunities, including in the natural gas and oil industry. Some of the key findings include:

- Nearly 20 percent of all current U.S. jobs require STEM skills and/or training.
- STEM jobs are projected to grow about 9 percent out to 2024.
- A STEM bachelor's degree nearly doubles the likelihood of working in the natural gas and oil industry.

EPA Sidesteps Problems in its 2018 Ethanol Volumes

The EPA just released its annual ethanol requirements for 2018 under the Renewable Fuel Standard, and the outdated program continues to put consumers at risk for higher costs and engine damage. [Learn more about the 2018 requirements and why the broken RFS program should be significantly repealed or replaced.](#)

Sincerely,

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