WASHINGTON, D.C. – Echoing the requests of six state governors, the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) became the most recent EPA petitioner seeking a general waiver to reduce 2020 Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) compliance obligations.

NWF President and CEO Collin O'Mara wrote to EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler stressing the need for smaller biofuel mandates:

"Increasing mandated blending levels increases the potential for further land conversion, presenting a marked threat to the battle against global climate change, with its consequent catastrophic effects on human health and the environment. Higher blends of ethanol necessitated by unrealistic RVOs diminish public health."

- "The RFS currently requires about 19 billion gallons of fuel derived from plants to be blended into gasoline. The overwhelming majority of that fuel is corn ethanol, and today 40 percent of the corn produced in the United States goes into our gas tanks."

- "In light of the clear and present danger to the environment, we join with the Governors of six states in asking for a waiver to the RVO."

Read more about NWF's case for an RFS waiver in the organization's full letter.

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