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WASHINGTON, D.C. – In response to EPA’s announcement today that RFS compliance deadlines would be extended for 2019 (small refineries only) and 2020 until after proposals for 2021 and have been finalized, AFPM issued the following statement:

*This is a commonsense administration decision. We’re still waiting for EPA to make a call on 2019 and 2020 relief petitions and there remains no 2021 or 2022 proposals, much less final rules, from the Agency to guide business decisions for refineries. We all know RIN scarcity is real and clarity about future obligations is needed in order for facilities to align around their individual compliance strategies. Before claiming that the sky is falling, it’s important to remember that compliance deadlines are simply the date by which RIN purchases must be made and proof of those purchases submitted to EPA. Biofuel blending takes place in real time as gasoline and diesel are produced and sold throughout the year.*

EPA further announced that in all future years, the deadline to prove compliance for a particular year will be at least 60 days after the next year’s RVO is finalized and published in the Federal Register.

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