

Ethanol - Comments Due August 31, 2017

My fellow Idahoans that ride. This is important because using E-15 will kill your engine and then you wouldn't be able to ride. I urge you all to send the letter through this link which is provided.

MRF Reps/Board/Executive Directors and SSMRO Leaders:

In case you missed it, yesterday a call to action went out concerning EPA's latest activity with regard to ethanol.

EPA's recently released 2018 proposal calls on refiners to blend 15 billion gallons of conventional renewable fuels like corn ethanol in 2018, adhering to the statutory requirement and unchanged from the final 2017 renewable volume obligation (RVO) rule. In addition, EPA is proposing to lower the cellulosic ethanol requirement to 238 million gallons in its 2018 rule. While this is a positive step forward, it signals that now could be the time to pressure the Agency to ENSURE that our motorcycles are protected by ALWAYS requiring E0 or E10 options at the pump AND provide for more consumer education to ensure misfuelling does not occur.

Yesterday, the Agency conducted a hearing, where your MRF provided written testimony.

Let's keep this momentum - please use our ENGAGE software to send comments to the EPA. The letter is already drafted and just needs your name and information.

You can do so by clicking here:

<http://cqrcengage.com/mrf/app/act-on-a-regulation?1&engagementId=384013>

LET'S GET THE WORD OUT!

Subject: Now's Your Chance to Tell the EPA About Your Concerns Over Ethanol - Comments Due August 31!

In the last several years, we have seen increasingly higher blends of ethanol like E10 and E15 showing up at the pump. However, these higher blends, specifically E15, have not been approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for use in small engines like those in motorcycles. Studies have shown the potential of clogged in-tank pumps and filters as well as potential damage to fuel lines, injectors, seals, gaskets, and valve seats, as well as to carburetors.

As a result, the EPA banned the use of E15 and higher blends of ethanol in small engines, effectively making its use illegal in a number of instances. In turn, many of the manufacturers of smaller engine vehicles and equipment started including statements that warranties would be voided if E15 was used.

Last month, the EPA actually proposed a reduction in the amount of biofuels, like ethanol, used in the U.S. marketplace.

While this activity is encouraging, the proposed volumes are still extremely high - sitting at levels that our motorcycles cannot handle.

We need your help - Comment on the EPA proposal to let them know while it's a start, it's not good enough!

Comment on the Proposal! ([http://cqrcengage.com/mrf/app/take-action?engagementId= 384013&ep= AAAAC2F1c0NpcGhlcjAx8VUBOLhid7NXrKWxWxR3e4F0cJ_GgXYORK_ TsmdsEkHfuAPUfurjqUMQbr_ ZrpLgV4COpl-82l5H7WbzipJVFhvmOhXeMhoJ3D8yP4 UHhWvM&lp=0](http://cqrcengage.com/mrf/app/take-action?engagementId=384013&ep=AAAAC2F1c0NpcGhlcjAx8VUBOLhid7NXrKWxWxR3e4F0cJ_GgXYORK_TsmdsEkHfuAPUfurjqUMQbr_ZrpLgV4COpl-82l5H7WbzipJVFhvmOhXeMhoJ3D8yP4 UHhWvM&lp=0))