

July 20, 2009

The Honorable Lisa Jackson
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Room 3000
Washington, D.C. 20460

Re: Joint Opposition to Petition from Growth Energy to Increase the Allowable Ethanol Content of Gasoline to 15 Volume Percent

Dear Administrator Jackson:

We, the undersigned diverse group of environmental groups, business associations and public interest organizations, write today to urge you to deny Growth Energy's petition under Section 211(f)(4) of the Clean Air Act to authorize the introduction into commerce of so-called "mid-level ethanol blends." Any decision to introduce a new fuel formulation must only be undertaken after independent, rigorous and verifiable testing has been completed and concludes that such mid-level ethanol blends (whether E12, E15 or E20) will not pose a risk to all gasoline-powered engines, to public health, to the environment and to consumers.

We collectively urge you to deny Growth Energy's petition and stand ready to work with you on this important issue.

Sincerely,

American Fly Fishing Trade Association
American Frozen Food Institute
American Meat Institute
American Petroleum Institute
American Sportfishing Association
Americans for Tax Reform
Association of Marina Industries
Association of Oil Pipe Lines
B.A.S.S./ESPN Outdoors
Blue Ribbon Coalition
Boat Owners Association of the United States (BoatU.S.)
Center for Coastal Conservation
Clean Air Task Force
Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation
Council for Citizens Against Government Waste
Earthjustice
Environment America

Environmental Working Group
FarmEcon LLC
Friends Committee of National Legislation
Friends of the Earth
Grocery Manufacturers Association
Hispanic Alliance for Prosperity Institute
International Liquid Terminals Association
International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association
Marine Retailers Association of America
Motorcycle Industry Council
National Association of Truck Stop Operators
National Audubon Society
National Boating Federation
National Chicken Council
National Council of Chain Restaurants
National Marine Manufacturers Association
National Meat Association
National Petrochemical and Refiners Association
National Turkey Federation
Natural Resource Defense Council
Outdoor Power Equipment Institute
Personal Watercraft Industry Association
Public Citizen
Safe Climate Campaign
Sierra Club
Small Business and Entrepreneurship Council
Snack Food Association
The Wilderness Society
Union of Concerned Scientists

cc: The Honorable Steven Chu
The Honorable Tom Vilsak
The Honorable Carol Browner