

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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PUBLIC HEARING FOR RFS ANNUAL RULES

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TUESDAY
JANUARY 4, 2022

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The Public Hearing convened via Video
Teleconference, at 9:00 a.m. EST, Phil Seng,
Moderator, presiding.

PRESENT

PHIL SENG, DJ Case & Associates

PAUL MACHIELE, Fuels Center Director, Office of
Transportation and Air Quality, EPA

DALLAS BURKHOLDER, Office of Air and Regulation,
EPA

RICK CLAWSON, DJ Case & Associates

MORGAN JOHNSON, DJ Case & Associates

CINDY LONGMIRE, DJ Case & Associates

LAUREN MICHAELS, Attorney-Advisor, EPA

JESSIE MROZ, Environmental Protection Specialist,
EPA

NICK PARSONS, Chemical Engineer, EPA

1 meantime, let's move on to Martin Willis.

2 MR. CLAWSON: And Martin, I see two
3 entries for you in the attendee list. Could you
4 do a raise hand really quickly do I can identify
5 which one is actually you? Thank you so much.

6 MR. WILLIS: What am I doing wrong?

7 MR. CLAWSON: We can see you.

8 MR. SENG: We can see you and hear
9 you. You're good.

10 MR. WILLIS: Hello. My name is Martin
11 Willis, and I'm from New Castle, Delaware. And
12 I'm speaking for myself only. After reading in
13 its entirety, the EPA 66-page renewable fuel
14 standards program annual rule as it appears in
15 the Federal Registry dated December 21st, 2021, I
16 will like to make the following comments.

17 I truly believe that the intended
18 purpose of the Energy Independence and Security
19 Act of 2007, Title 2, energy security to increase
20 production of biofuels when it was signed into
21 law on December 19th, 2007, I never envisioned
22 that by the year 2021, 40 percent of all the corn

1 produced in the United States will go into our
2 transportation gasoline and diesel fuels. As a
3 union boilermaker for the past 33 years, I know
4 that the America consumer knew that there was
5 more corn in our gas tank than in our kitchen
6 cabinets, rest assured I would not be the only
7 American speaking for themselves today. How can
8 we justify in 2022 having PBF and Monroe
9 refineries blending more corn in their
10 distillation towards than Kellogg's has in their
11 corn flakes and General Mills has to their corn
12 bread.

13 When in 2022 are we going to honestly
14 inform the American public that corn ethanol is
15 the annual primary inflationary reason that is
16 pushing not only the price of gasoline and diesel
17 upwards of 30 to 40 cents a gallon but also their
18 grocery purchase of meat and poultry? Because
19 the same corn needed to feed our domestic beef
20 and chicken livestock is overwhelming instead
21 going into bay waste floating tanks along the New
22 Jersey turnpike instead of produce chicken house

1 silos in Sussex County, Delaware. Going forward
2 past the year 2022, I will publicly advocate that
3 the EPA require that conventional biofuel without
4 further ado increase its life cycle greenhouse
5 gas emission threshold from a woeful 20 percent
6 reduction to the same magnitude required for
7 advanced biofuel and biomass-based diesel which
8 both have to demonstrate a life cycle greenhouse
9 gas reduction of at 50 percent, improvement
10 relative to the emission baseline of the gasoline
11 and diesel they replace.

12 Also, if cellulose biofuel must
13 demonstrate a life cycle greenhouse gas reduction
14 of at least 60 percent, then the demise of the
15 conventional biofuel grandfather clause exempting
16 plants built before December 19, 2007 should
17 cease on December 31st, 2022. Because right now
18 the cost benefit analysis to the American
19 consumer is zero when it uses corn-based ethanol
20 and unless it can achieve a demonstrated effort
21 of at 50 percent in greenhouse gas emission going
22 forward. Thank you.