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FAJC: EPA's Latest SREs Raise the Stakes for Mid-Sized, Independent Refiners

Union workers and mid-sized, independent refiners raise the alarm on EPA's proposed RIN reallocation scheme as the agency announces new full and partial small refinery exemptions

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, the Fueling American Jobs Coalition, a coalition of union workers and mid-sized, independent American oil refiners, released the following statement after the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced a new round of small refinery exemptions (SREs).

The EPA's two full and 12 partially granted exemptions come as the agency reviews public comments on its **misguided proposal** to shift any remaining Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) compliance obligations from SREs onto mid-sized, independent refiners—even though many refiners already pay more for RFS compliance annually than all other operational costs combined.

"America cannot have energy security or dominance without mid-sized, independent refineries. American consumers cannot have more reliable, affordable fuel supplies without mid-sized, independent refineries.

"The latest round of full and partial small refinery exemptions only heightens the real threat of EPA's reckless RIN reallocation scheme. Now, if finalized, mid-sized, independent refiners would be on the hook for even greater RFS compliance costs, which could lead to refinery job losses and higher energy costs nationwide.

"As we continue urging EPA to abandon its misguided RIN reallocation scheme and lower its unrealistic, unachievable ethanol mandates, we are also calling on Congress to take decisive action and protect America's refiners. It's imperative that members of Congress join Senator Lee (S. 2742) and Representative Kennedy's (H.R.5636) legislation to protect refinery workers and consumers from the EPA's reallocation proposal before it's too late."

About the Fueling American Jobs Coalition (FAJC)

The Fueling American Jobs Coalition is a coalition of union workers and independent American oil refiners fighting for a commonsense fix to the EPA's flawed Renewable Fuel Standard. The need for significant reform has only grown over the past few years as the cost of purchasing Renewable Identification Numbers (RINs) to comply with the RFS has grown increasingly volatile, threatening some refiners' survival. For additional information, visit www.fuelingusjobs.com.

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