

NMMA testified yesterday at the 2018 EPA Renewable Volume Obligation hearing. Nicole Vasilaros, vice president of federal and legal affairs addressed the concerns the recreational boating industry has with E15. In her testimony, Vasilaros pointed out that “The initial 2010 waiver and this RVO proposal, do nothing to guarantee the continued availability of E10, while billions of gallons of E15 enter the marketplace. Ninety-five percent of boaters fuel their boats at traditional gas stations. While [the recreational boating industry] doesn’t support higher levels of ethanol in the fuel marketplace, we ask this Administration, at the very least, to mandate that when E15 is sold, E10 must also be available at retail gas stations to ensure access to appropriate fuel blends for boats and other off-road equipment.

In addition to the testimony, NMMA is submitting formal comments, which are due August 31<sup>st</sup> and will be reaching out to industry stakeholders like you in the coming days to ask for you to share your own comments.

Hearings like the one Vasilaros testified at yesterday, are an opportunity for the EPA to hear public comments regarding its annual obligation to increase the amount of renewable fuel in the nation’s fuel supply.