

RFA COMMITTEES, EDUCATION AND OUTREACH ACTION, ADVOCACY, AND EXPERIENCE

Since 1981, the RFA has proudly served as the ethanol industry's national trade association. The Association advances policy and regulatory initiatives that support industry growth, educates key decision-makers, serves as the voice of the industry through public and media relations efforts, and provides the technical foundation to move the industry forward. RFA's Board of Directors is solely comprised of ethanol producers who are ascribed one vote per company. In addition, a broad cross-section of RFA producer, associate, and supporting members participate on standing committees that address issues important to the industry.



The RFA Plant & Employee Safety Committee leads the industry in advocating safe practices in ethanol production, storage and handling,

transportation, and use. Committee members monitor and share information on hazardous materials, safety standards, and federal and state safety regulations. The Committee also supports continuing education for every link of the ethanol supply chain.

The RFA Environmental Compliance Committee

examines and educates industry stakeholders on the implementation of environmental regulations for production, storage and handling, and transportation of ethanol. The committee tackles complex regulatory issues and provides guidance to members.

The RFA Export Committee assesses opportunities and challenges in growing international demand for U.S. ethanol. The group advocates for free and fair trade policies, examines technical and regulatory barriers, interacts with U.S. trade officials, and monitors data and trends in the global trade.

The Renewable Fuels PAC builds a stronger voice for American-made renewable fuels on Capitol Hill. Organized and operated by RFA members and staff, this Political Action Committee promotes consistent and forward-looking public policy essential to the growth and evolution of the industry by focusing on federal election activity.

The RFA Technical Committee focuses on fuel specifications and standards development by ASTM International, National Conference of Weights and Measures, ISO, Canadian General Standards Board, and other organizations. Committee members monitor technical issues impacting day-to-day plant operations, such as storage and handling, transportation, and fuel quality, as well as state and regional regulations and international blending practices.

The RFA Co-Products Committee focuses on issues relevant to co-products from ethanol production, including distillers grains, corn distillers oil, corn gluten, carbon dioxide and other products. Committee members address operational and regulatory issues concerning production, storage and handling, transportation, international trade, animal nutrition, and animal feed safety.

Navigating the Regulatory Landscape

Nearly every facet of the ethanol industry—from production at the facility to consumption in the vehicle—is affected by a plethora of federal and state regulations. Ethanol producers face a multitude of registration, reporting, recordkeeping, and compliance requirements, and the regulatory landscape is constantly changing and is becoming more complex. Providing analyses of important regulations and technical issues has long been a hallmark of the RFA, and we strive to ensure our member companies know exactly how their operations—and industry—will be affected by new, pending, or amended regulations. On behalf of its members, RFA staff frequently interacts with the following regulatory bodies (among others):

- Alcohol Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB)
- Federal Trade Commission (FTC)
- Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC)
- U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)
- U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

