

# THRIVING TOGETHER

The Renewable Fuels Association offers its members a platform to engage, influence, and contribute to the advancement of renewable fuels, expanding their impact beyond individual operations through collaborative committees, forums, and networks.

**RFA Environment, Health & Safety Committee:** The EH&S Committee is dedicated to helping member facilities meet and exceed environmental, health, and safety standards. This committee serves as a vital platform for members to collaborate on best practices, navigate complex regulations, and develop innovative solutions. With a focus on production, handling, distribution, and incident response, RFA's EH&S Committee prioritizes protecting the environment and ensuring the safety of employees and consumers.

**RFA Strategy and Innovation Forum:** The renewable fuels industry is evolving rapidly, fueled by technological advancements and emerging opportunities. Launched in 2023, this seminar series explores critical topics shaping the industry, including cutting-edge technologies, production efficiencies, emerging coproducts, and novel research. RFA's Strategy and Innovation Forum empowers members to stay ahead of the curve and strategically position their organizations for sustained success in the renewable fuels sector.

**RFA Technical Committee:** Accurate and reliable information regarding the production, blending, distribution, and performance of renewable fuels is essential for the success of our industry. The RFA Technical Committee focuses heavily on fuel specifications and standards such as ASTM International, National Conference of Weights and Measures, ISO, Canadian General Standards Board, and other international fuel requirements.



*In August, RFA staff conducted a 3-day Preventive Controls for Animal Food compliance course tailored specifically for ethanol industry personnel. The training equipped participants with the knowledge to develop and implement biorefinery-specific food safety programs. Completing the course also fulfilled FDA requirements for becoming a Preventive Controls Qualified Individual, a critical designation for ethanol plants producing animal feed.*



Gatherings at important industry events like the National Ethanol Conference provide a way for young professionals to build networks, learn from others and each other, and dive more deeply into the ethanol industry as a smart career choice.

### Young Professionals Network:

Launched in 2020, RFA's YPN connects the next generation of leaders committed to driving progress and innovation in the renewable fuels industry. It offers member-only events that focus on networking, leadership growth, operational improvements, and exploring fresh strategies to expand ethanol's market presence. RFA's YPN is open to professionals 39 years old and younger who are employed in the U.S. ethanol industry or related stakeholder sectors.

### Veterans for Renewable Fuels:

RFA's VRF is a growing community dedicated to honoring and supporting military veterans within the U.S. ethanol industry—a sector employing veterans at three times the rate of the national workforce. Established in 2023, VRF celebrates the invaluable contributions of veterans while fostering camaraderie, professional growth, and mutual support. The group also serves as a strong voice for advocacy.

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In April, RFA was honored with the Department of Defense Patriotic Employer award, bestowed to President and CEO Geoff Cooper, a U.S. Army veteran. This prestigious recognition highlights RFA's dedication to supporting employee participation in America's National Guard and Reserve forces. Under Cooper's leadership, RFA also launched the Veterans for Renewable Fuels initiative.