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Plant Industries Division Bureau of Standards EPA Waiver Authorizing the Sale of E15 Fuel

On April 29, 2022, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a waiver of regulations prohibiting the sale and use of gasoline containing 15% ethanol (E15) during the summer months. These regulations would otherwise apply to retailers and wholesale purchaser-consumers beginning on June 1, 2022, and to all other persons beginning May 1. Specifically, the regulations require parties upstream of retailers and wholesale purchaser-consumers to turn over their storage tanks to low volatility summer gasoline and stop selling higher volatility winter gasoline by May 1 so that retailers and wholesale purchaser-consumers can meet the applicable low volatility gasoline standards by June 1.

[EPA Issues Emergency Fuel Waiver for E15 Sales | US EPA](#)

Fuel bulk terminals may continue to sell E15 ethanol fuel in Arkansas after May 1 until the waiver expires. The waiver is set to expire on May 20, 2022, but the EPA has stated that it intends to extend the waiver until the present fuel supply circumstances abate. While fuel retail locations are typically prohibited from selling E15 ethanol fuel after June 1, such locations may continue selling E15 ethanol fuel if a waiver is in effect beyond that date. Retailers and customers can contact the Department for information.