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Mr. Robert L. Greco III
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Dear Mr. Greco:

I am responding to your November 20, 2012, petition to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for reconsideration of the final rulemaking, "Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives: 2013 Biomass-Based Diesel Renewable Fuel Volume," 77 FR 59458, September 27, 2012. In your petition you requested reconsideration of the volume requirement of 1.28 billion gallons of biomass-based diesel for 2013 under the Renewable Fuel Standard program.

The EPA has carefully reviewed your petition and the information available on the issues you raised. For reasons discussed in detail in the enclosed response, the EPA is denying your petition for reconsideration.

We thank you for your interest in these issues, and the EPA looks forward to working with you and other stakeholders as we continue to implement the Renewable Fuel Standard program.

Should you have any questions, please contact Paul Argyropoulos, my colleague in the Office of Transportation and Air Quality, at (202) 564-1123 or argyropoulos.paul@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gina McCarthy", is positioned above the printed name.

Gina McCarthy

Enclosure