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## RFS Small Refinery Exemptions

Section 211(o)(9)(A)(i) of the Clean Air Act (CAA) and 40 CFR 80.1441(a)(1) exempted small refineries from the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) program through compliance year 2010. CAA section 211(o)(9)(A)(ii) authorized EPA to extend the exemption for two years. Beginning with the 2013 compliance year, small refineries may petition EPA annually for an exemption from their RFS obligations. EPA may grant the extension if it determines that the small refinery has demonstrated disproportionate economic hardship per CAA section 211(o)(9)(B) and 40 CFR 80.1441(e)(2). EPA's decision to grant an exemption has the effect of exempting the gasoline and diesel produced at the refinery from the percentage standards of 40 CFR 80.1405. The exempted refinery is not subject to the requirements of an obligated party for fuel produced during the compliance year for which the exemption has been granted.

EPA intends to coordinate the timing of future small refinery exemption decisions and updates to this RFS data website such that refineries receiving exemptions and other interested parties receive the same RIN market information at the same time.

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**Table 1: Exempted Volume of Gasoline and Diesel Each Com...**

Compliance Year	Estimated Volumes of Gasoline and Diesel Exempted (million gallons)	Est
2011**		n/a
2012**		n/a
2013		1,980
2014		2,300
2015		3,070
2016		7,840
2017		17,050
2018		13,420
2019		0
2020		0

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\* All numbers in Table 1 are rounded to the nearest 10 million gallons or RINs

\*\* Estimates of exempted volumes of gasoline and diesel and RVOs for 2011 and 2012 are difficult to determine due to differences in the petition process at that time and thus are not

**Table 2: Summary of Small Refinery Exemption Decisions Each Compliance Year \***

Com... Year	Number of Petitions Received	Number of Grants Issued	Number of Denials Issued	Number of Petitions Declared Ineligible
2011	42	24	13	
2012	41	23	13	
2013	30	8	18	
2014	28	8	16	
2015	28	7	17	
2016	29	19	7	