

Special Interests That Support The EPA's Conclusions Of Its Anti-Backsliding Study Have Revolving Door Ties To The Trump Administration.

After Completing Its Anti-Backsliding Study, The EPA Issued A Rule Proposing That No Additional Fuel Regulations Are Necessary To Mitigate Negative Air Quality Impacts Of Required Renewable Fuel Volumes.

On May 29, 2020, The EPA Proposed That No Additional Fuel Regulations Are Necessary To Mitigate Adverse Air Quality Impacts Of Required Renewable Fuel Volumes. "RFS regulations contained in the Clean Air Act require the EPA to complete an anti-backsliding study to determine if required RFS blending volumes adversely impact air quality as a result of changes in vehicle and engine emissions. After considering the results of the study, the agency is required to either promulgate fuel regulations to mitigate adverse impacts on air quality, or determine that no such measures are necessary. The EPA on May 29 issued a rulemaking proposing the second option – stating that the agency has determined no such measures are necessary." [[Biomass Magazine, 07/08/2020](#)]

Multiple Organizations That Support The EPA's Conclusions Of Its Anti-Backsliding Study Have Revolving Door Ties To The Trump Administration.

American Petroleum Institute, American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers, Growth Energy, and National Biodiesel Board All Commented In The Federal Register In Favor Of The EPA's Proposed Determination for Renewable Fuels and Air Quality Pursuant to Clean Air Act Section 211 Anti-Backsliding Study. [[Federal Register, 07/15/20](#); [Federal Register, 07/13/20](#); [Federal Register, 07/15/20](#)]

Collectively, These Organizations Have At Least 12 Revolving Door Ties To The Trump Administration.

There Are At Least 7 Revolving Door Ties Between The American Petroleum Institute And The Trump Administration.

- Erik Baptist Was Senior Counsel At API Before Going To Trump's Environmental Protection Agency. [[Propublica, accessed 06/05/20](#)]
- Michael Tadeo Was An API Spokesman Before Going To Trump's Department of Energy. [[Propublica, accessed 06/05/20](#)]
- Rex Tillerson Was An API Executive Committee Member Before Going To Trump's State Department. [[Propublica, accessed 06/05/20](#)]
- Patrick Traylor Provided API Legal Services Before Going To Trump's Environmental Protection Agency. [[Propublica, accessed 06/05/20](#)]
- William Wehrum Provided API Legal Services Before Going To Trump's Environmental Protection Agency. [[Propublica, accessed 06/05/20](#)]
- Lowell Jacob Schiller Provided API Legal Services Before Going To Trump's Department of Health and Human Services. [[Propublica, accessed 06/05/20](#)]

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- Megan Bloomgren Worked at Trump's Interior Department Before Joining API. [[Department of Influence, accessed 06/05/20](#)]

There Are At Least 3 Revolving Door Ties Between The American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers And The Trump Administration.

- William Wehrum Provided American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers Legal Services Before Going To Trump's Environmental Protection Agency. [[Propublica, accessed 06/05/20](#)]
- Michael Catanzaro, Before Joining The Trump Administration As A Special Assistant At The National Economic Council, Lobbied On Behalf of American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers [[Senate Lobbying Database, Q1 2017](#)]
- Kathleen McFarland, Who Was An Assistant To The President And The Deputy National Security Advisor At The White House, Was Paid By The American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers To Participate In The AFPM Security Conference. [[Propublica, accessed 07/24/20](#)]

There Is At Least 1 Revolving Door Tie Between Growth Energy And The Trump Administration.

- Growth Energy Was One of Andrew Wheeler's Clients Before Wheeler Became EPA Administrator. [[Andrew Wheeler Recusal Letter, 05/24/18](#)]

There Is At Least 1 Revolving Door Tie Between National Biodiesel Board And The Trump Administration.

- Nazakhtar Nikakhtar Provided Legal Services To National Biodiesel Board Before Joining The Trump Administration As Assistant Secretary for Industry and Analysis At The Commerce Department. [[Propublica, accessed 07/24/20](#)]