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## **EPA rules show corn ethanol reduces emissions**

*RFS2 and energy use to be featured topic at 2010 Ethanol Forum*

The Environmental Protection Agency has finalized new rules which show that corn ethanol complies with the 20% reduction in emissions required by the Renewable Fuels Standard.

The RFS is a 2007 federal law which mandates increased use of biofuels. EPA's emissions modeling includes indirect land use changes presumably caused by increased ethanol production. Rule calculations were expanded to include an additional 100 countries. EPA found that even when accounting for changes in land use attributed to increased ethanol production, corn ethanol creates significantly fewer emissions than gasoline.

Todd Sneller, Nebraska Ethanol Board administrator, said EPA's rules confirmed the ethanol industry's commitment to an environmentally friendly alternative fuel.

"EPA's decision proves that the ethanol industry continues to improve its green credentials," Sneller said. "As fossil fuels become more expensive and dirty, renewable fuels like ethanol are proving to be more efficient and environmentally friendly than ever."

The issue of lifecycle emissions in the ethanol production process will be a featured presentation at the Ethanol 2010: Emerging Issues Forum, April 8-9 in Omaha. Dr. Steffen Mueller, a principal economist at the University of Illinois at Chicago, will deliver the presentation, "Critical Accounting: Documenting Efficiency in Ethanol Production." Mueller conducts research on emissions and energy use of the ethanol production process.

Visit the [Forum 2010 homepage](#) for more details and [download a registration form here](#).

Ethanol 2010: Emerging Issues Forum  
April 8-9 | Magnolia Hotel | Omaha

Established in 1971, the Ethanol Board assists ethanol producers with programs and strategies for marketing ethanol and related co-products. The Board supports organizations and policies that advocate the increased use of ethanol fuels – and administers public information, education and ethanol research projects. The Board also assists companies and organizations in the development of ethanol production facilities in Nebraska. For more information, please visit [www.ne-ethanol.org](http://www.ne-ethanol.org).