



September 16, 2021

The Hon. Michael S. Regan, Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of the Administrator, 1101A  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Regan,

I wrote to you in May 2021 requesting a meeting on behalf of members of the National Biodiesel Board. Our organization represents U.S. biodiesel, renewable diesel, sustainable aviation and Bioheat® fuel producers as well as soybean growers and waste fats and oil processors.

I would like to renew the request as an opportunity to discuss EPA's recent report examining the disproportionate threat socially disadvantaged communities face from climate change.<sup>1</sup> The report highlights an important issue but does not consider available solutions. Notably, it does not consider the health benefits from reducing other sources of pollution along with cutting carbon.

As you know, transportation is the largest source of U.S. carbon emissions. Replacing petroleum with drop-in alternatives like biodiesel and renewable diesel immediately reduces carbon. Additionally, biodiesel and renewable diesel reduce particulate matter and hydrocarbon emissions that contribute to cancer, lung, and heart disease rates.

Early this year, NBB launched a report prepared by Trinity Consultants quantifying the health benefits that U.S. communities could obtain by using biodiesel. Since biodiesel can reduce particulate matter emissions by 45%, communities that increase its use can achieve reductions in lifetime cancer burdens as well as annual asthma attacks and premature deaths. The study is based on EPA's own models of air dispersion and associated health costs. I would invite you to [review the study on the NBB website](#).

We believe that our industry's goals are consistent with your agency's plans to address carbon and focus on environmental health.

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<sup>1</sup> EPA. 2021. Climate Change and Social Vulnerability in the United States: A Focus on Six Impacts. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA 430-R-21-003. [www.epa.gov/cira/social-vulnerability-report](http://www.epa.gov/cira/social-vulnerability-report).

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We would appreciate the chance to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss our industry's vision to double production and use of biodiesel, renewable diesel, sustainable aviation, and bioheat® fuel over the next decade. We will be happy to answer any questions you have about our industry's sustainable future growth and our study results.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding a date and time that you can meet with members of the National Biodiesel Board.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kurt A. Kovarik". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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