

Growth Energy Applauds Made-In-Ontario Environment Plan



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[On January 28, 2019, Growth Energy, an ethanol supporters group, submitted joint comments with the U.S. Grains Council \(USGC\) to the Government of Ontario, Canada, in support of the Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan \(Plan\).](#) The [Plan](#) outlines the government's commitment to addressing climate change through the protection of land, air, water, and reduction of waste and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Posted by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Plan would increase ethanol use in gasoline by 15 percent in **2025**, increase the use of renewable gas and fuels, establish emission performance standards for large emitters, and provide financial assistance for emissions reduction initiatives. Pleased with the Ontario Government's proposal to increase the ethanol content of gasoline, Growth Energy and USGC highlight the "tremendous benefits to the public" it will provide through lower GHG emissions and levels of other pollutants, better

fuel properties, and economic benefits to Canada's agricultural economy. The letter also reassures Ontario that the increase in demand from a move to 15 percent ethanol (E15) will be met. The two organizations provide additional information on the approval and use of E15 in the U.S., with a note that since the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) approval of this rule in 2011, retail and wholesale of E15 continues to grow. The letter concludes by emphasizing once more the substantial advances to Ontario's goals should the proposed Plan be implemented. According to the letter, the goals and promises of the Plan are not only achievable, but also would still support consumer choice and ensure compliance flexibility and transparency.

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