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## Ontario Issues Proposed Amendments In Support Of Biofuels

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On November 29, 2017, the [Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change \(Ministry\)](#) issued [proposed amendments to the Ethanol in Gasoline regulation](#) (O. Reg. 535/05) and the Greener Diesel -- Renewable Fuel Content Requirements for Petroleum Diesel Fuel (O. Reg. 97/14) under the Environmental Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.19. Among the proposed changes is an increase from a 5 percent ethanol blending mandate to 10 percent starting in **2020**; a requirement that ethanol sold for compliance to be 35 percent lower in greenhouse gases (GHG) than gasoline; and the application of existing incentives to a wider range of advanced biofuels. According to the Ministry, the proposed amendments are intended to work with the expected federal Clean Fuels Standard (CFS), ensuring GHG reductions take place in Ontario and Ontario's Climate Change Action Plan goals are supported. The Ministry stated that it is exploring options to support biofuel production and innovation through a Blenders Support Program (BSP) as well.

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