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EPA Approves RFG Waiver for Virginia

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Late last night, the Environmental Protection Agency issued a [waiver](#) of reformulated gasoline requirements in 11 states plus the District of Columbia, due to the shutdown of the Colonial Pipeline. EPA notes that the pipeline failure has impacted the Affected RFG Coverage Areas and has resulted in significant supply shortages. Under the waiver regulated parties are permitted to sell conventional gasoline in the Affected RFG Covered Areas. In addition the EPA will also waive the provisions that prohibit any person from combining any RFG blendstock for oxygenate blending with any other gasoline, blendstock or oxygenate unless certain conditions are met. The waiver covers the following states and Washington DC: Alabama; Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and the Commonwealth of Virginia. The EPA waiver goes into effect immediately and will run through October 6th. After October 6th refiners and importers will no longer be able to produce or imports gasoline that does not meet RFG standards in the Affected RFG Covered Area. However, any conventional gasoline that remains in the distribution system on October 6th may be distributed and sold until the supplies are depleted. Parties that are not retailers and "wholesale purchaser-consumers" must meet the RFG requirements by November 6th. Although the waiver is being welcomed by suppliers and retailers, sources note the difficulty in finding product this evening. There has been plenty of scrambling this evening and terminals that do have product are seeing quite a bit of traffic. [Click here](#) to view the waiver.

"I think a lot of retailers did not take this seriously," he added.

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