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Dear Controller Chiang.

I'm confused, that a graph of ethanol used in our gas and the price we pay for fuel sure paints an interesting picture.

An op-ed from May 1, 2002 warned the Bush legislation requiring ethanol might create a 10% increase in fuel price.

An internet search indicated California fuel ethanol use was very minor and with a pump price of about \$1.37 per gallon of regular CA CARB fuel.

Fed EPA told CARB's board Chair to use 5.6% and the fuel price went up.

More time passed and Mary Nichols crew went for 10% and the price goes up.

We now are at 10% and considering 15% and the price has went from about \$1.37 to \$5.--

The California Government regulators say we use about 14 billion gallons of fuel per year.

So if the price has changed over \$3.-- in a decade the ethanol laced fuel price increase may be about \$40 Billion per year. Is it time for California to request a waiver from EPA? California may have enough energy supply to last a few years.

Received an e-mail rumor today that the US has energy supply to cover decades.

Should California request a waiver of the ethanol mandate so fuel ethanol is voluntary?

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