

Ethanol industry lobbies up

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Pro-ethanol group Fuels America has signed with a pair of high-profile lobbyists from both parties as part of its effort to defend the federal ethanol blending mandate.

Documents filed with Congress in late February say that prolific Democratic fundraiser Heather Podesta of Heather Podesta + Partners and former Republican Speaker Denny Hastert of Dickstein Shapiro started representing the ethanol coalition's interests on Capitol Hill in mid-January.

"Our strong, bipartisan advocacy team will help us continue to make the case that the renewable fuel standard is helping lower gasoline prices, protect the environment, and create jobs here at home with American-made renewable fuel," Fuels America spokesman Aaron Wells said of the new contracts.

The big-gun lobbying contracts arrive at a key moment for the renewable fuel standard (RFS), which requires that gasoline and diesel refiners blend ethanol and biodiesel into their traditional fuels.

The same week that the group filed the lobbying papers, Sens. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) and Pat Toomey (R-Pa.) introduced a bill aimed at eliminating the corn ethanol mandate.

Dozens of members of Congress from both parties support either repealing or significantly changing the mandate. The Feinstein-Toomey bill has wide support among lawmakers, as does an anti-mandate bill from Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.).

The mandate also faces hurdles in the executive branch, where the Environmental Protection Agency has delayed issuing its 2014 blending volumes for 16 months.

Ethanol is under additional attacks from the oil industry, restaurants, auto advocates and some environmental groups.

Congress enacted the mandate in 2007 with the goal of reducing oil imports and greenhouse gas emissions. Opponents say it has done neither.

The ethanol industry, however, set a production record last year when it made 14.3 billion gallons, according to the Renewable Fuels Association.

Podesta and Hastert's firms both said that the RFS would be their main focuses in the Fuels America contracts.

Fuels America, whose members represent various points in the ethanol production process, has dramatically increased its lobbying presence since it launched in 2012.

The group spent \$820,000 lobbying last year, nearly double the \$480,000 it spent in 2013, its first full year of operation, according to data compiled by the Center for Responsive Politics.

The group spent even more on advertising and promotion, with \$1.8 million in expenses in 2013, according to reports filed with the IRS.

By comparison, the American Petroleum Institute — which wants the RFS completely eliminated because of the costs to fuel refiners — spent \$9.09 million lobbying last year and \$67.9 million on advertising and promotion in 2013, the most recent year for which data are available.

Fuels America has a history of using high-profile lobbyists. It brought on former Democratic Rep. Bill Delahunt (Mass.) and his Delahunt Group last year, spending \$210,000.

Since it was established in 2012, Fuels America has had an ongoing contract with the Glover Park Group, with which it has spent \$1.2 million.

<http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/234393-ethanol-industry-lobbies-up>

Dr. Stan's California water & fuel supply opinion
<http://mediaarchives.gsradio.net/radioliberty/121213d.mp3>

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December 24, 2014

NO on SB 5 (Vidak), unless amended

**SUPPORT: a fuel ethanol
mandate waiver, with an end to
alcohol CAFÉ mileage credits**

**IMPROVE AB-32 performance in 2015
with federal ozone regulation compliance**

Officials know ethanol is a human carcinogen

STOP “Wallet flushing” ethanol car tax

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Saturday, November 22, 2014

Voluntary GMO corn fuel may reduce CO2 & Fuel cost to \$2 per gallon.

50% butanol mandate may raise fuel to \$10 per gallon.

Monopoly patent mandate may lower BP-DuPont stock value and profit while a move to voluntary may improve employee and customer relationship with improved profit. Win Win outcome.

MTBE is in our water and a pain to oil profit. Is it time to check California water for fuel ethanol? Time for food air & fuel price midigation? Time for a AG conversation for consideratio of a California fuel ethanol waiver?

UN supports voluntary GMO fuel, a waiver.

Go OOIDA, Clean Air Performance Professionals supports your fuel performance and price conversation, Fed EPA ethanol mandate stinks.

A random 'Smog Check' inspection & repair 'secret shopper' audit, ethanol cap and elimination of dual fuel CAFE credit can cut California "Wallet Flushing" car tax over 50% in 2015. (Prevent 2000 tons per day of sulfur, PM, HC, O3, NOx, CO & CO2.) Improved performance of AB32 by \$billions

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Sunday, August 31, 2014

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 legislation that is requiring ethanol might create an additional 10% increase in 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 the Arnold crew went for 10% and the price goes up.

We now are at 10% and considering 15% and the price has gone from about \$1.37 to \$3.50.

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

So if the price has changed over \$2.-- in a decade the ethanol laced fuel price increase may be about \$40 Billion per year. Is it time for Governor Brown to request a waiver from EPA?

Does California use 1500 gallons of water to grow corn to produce 1 gallon of GMO corn fuel ethanol? Does California water providers check for ethanol in the supply water for public consumption? Should California request a waiver of the "Wallet Flushing" ethanol mandate so fuel ethanol ozone is in federal EPA compliance?

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<http://www.wwntradio.com/news/news.php/displayType/article/15053/2013/12/sessions-vitter-demand-accounting-of-taxpayer-funds-wasted-on-epas-unnecessary-ozone-proposal>

December 18, 2013

CARB held the California Public hearing on ozone and Clean Air Performance Professionals (CAPP) used ethanol waiver as a ozone reduction method in our presentation to the fed EPA

CAPP's presentation also covered the confusing policy that gave a \$625,000 fine for baking bread that released ethanol that increased ozone was an example of EPA policy that mandated ethanol in the gas to reduce ozone. WHAT?

The conversation between the male lawyer of the panel with the honorable Gary Condit in early 2001 about bipartisan HR 52 to relieve California from federally mandated year-round gasoline oxygenate requirements while preserving the full benefits of California reformulated gasoline program was used as support for ozone reduction.

Is it time for California AG to have an ethanol waiver conversation with EPA?



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Why Can't Wendy's and BP Get Along?

James Flaherty, Wall St. Cheat Sheet, June 22, 2013

As Congress considers scaling back or even abolishing U.S. government regulations mandating the use of renewable fuels, many in the petroleum industry are on cloud nine. That is, everyone except for British Petroleum (NYSE:BP).

Wait, what?

The reason BP isn't happy is because their joint venture with Dupont Co. (NYSE:DD), set to start producing a new alternative fuel by the end of the year, would have its market evaporated before they could enter it should Congress repeal the Renewable Fuels Standard, the law in question.

"They don't need to change the law," Paul Beckwith, the chief executive of the venture, Butamax Advanced Biofuels, of Wilmington, Delaware, said in an interview. The program "as it's currently configured is working, and there are good opportunities for increasing renewable levels beyond where they are today."

The RFS started in 2007 amid concerns of foreign oil dependence, according to Bloomberg. Congress set quotas for the use of alternative fuels, like ethanol and biodiesel. Under the law, refiners like Exxon Mobil (NYSE:XOM) must blend a certain amount of renewable fuels

into their gasoline.

The Environmental Protection Agency say the mandate helps production of American made fuels. They also assert that it helps corn farmers by increasing demand, and cuts emissions.

Critics say that the use of corn to make ethanol pushes up cost of food. The National Council of Chain Restaurants, whose members include Wendy's (NYSE:WEN) and White Castle, is angry because their commodity costs are spiking because of the increased demand for corn. After hiring an outside research firm to conduct a study, "It was very clear that the RFS was a cause of it," said Robert Green, the executive director of the Washington-based group.

Lobbyists from Exxon and Tesoro (NYSE:TSO) have a different complaint. They say that falling U.S. fuel demand means that requirements for ethanol could force its use in gas higher than the 10 percent allowed under government regulations.

The next two weeks will prove crucial for the RFS, as lobbyists from both sides take turns catching Washington's ear. Whichever side is more persuasive could save billions for their customers.

[http://wallstcheatsheet.com/stocks/why-cant-wendys-and-bp-get-along.html/?](http://wallstcheatsheet.com/stocks/why-cant-wendys-and-bp-get-along.html/)

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EPA: Lodi bakery cited for ethanol emissions

The Sacramento Bee, The Associated Press, June 28, 2012

LODI, Calif. -- The Environmental Protection Agency says a San Joaquin Valley bakery was emitting more than just good odors during the bread baking process.

Cottage Bakery in Lodi has been cited for allegedly releasing ozone-producing ethanol as well. The EPA says the commercial bakery failed to obtain permits for new ovens and install air pollution controls.

The bakery must pay a \$625,000 penalty as part of a settlement filed in federal court this week. The settlement still requires the court's approval.

Cottage Bakery's parent company, Ralcorp Frozen Bakery Products, Inc., says the violations occurred before it acquired the bakery, and it has since invested more than \$1.4 million to ensure the bakery is in compliance with environmental regulations.

<http://www.sacbee.com/2012/06/28/4596854/epa-lodi-bakery-cited-for-ethanol.html>

NO on CA / AB 523 & SB 1396 unless the ethanol mandate is changed to voluntary.

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Obama Pushes BP-Inspired Cap-and-Trade Bill in Speech to Nation; The National Center for Public Policy Research Calls on the Senate to Reject the "BP Bill"

Both BP CEO Hayward and Obama Support Big Government Efforts to Discourage Fossil Fuels

Washington, D.C. – Responding to President Obama's speech on the oil disaster in the Gulf of Mexico, The National Center for Public Policy Research is calling attention to BP's role in pushing Obama's cap-and-trade energy policy.

BP was a founding member of the United States Climate Action Partnership – a lobbying coalition that played a key role in passing the Waxman-Markey cap-and-trade bill that passed the House of Representatives last year and the company also played a role in negotiating the terms of the Kerry-Lieberman bill recently introduced in the Senate.

"It's ironic that Obama is touting legislation inspired by BP. While Obama criticized the oil industry's influence over its regulators he failed to mention the role BP was playing in influencing the president's cherished cap-and-trade legislation," said Tom Borelli, Ph.D., Director of the National Center's Free Enterprise Project.

"Maybe in addition to the tragedy in the Gulf, Obama and BP CEO Tony Hayward will discuss cap-and-trade legislative strategy when they meet," added Tom Borelli.

According to The Hill, "Hayward indicated he was encouraged by the effort by Sens. John Kerry (D-Mass.), Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) and Joseph Lieberman (I-Conn.) to write compromise climate legislation." Other media outlets reported on BP's effort to improve the elements of the bill.

Senator Kerry also mentioned BP as one of the companies that supports his cap-and-trade bill.

"Given BP's incompetence and its awful record

with environmental and safety matters, it's outrageous elected officials allow the company to influence legislation. Maybe if BP spent less time and money in lobbying and more on safety we would not be suffering from this environmental disaster," said Deneen Borelli, fellow with Project 21.

"The public should demand that the 'BP Bill' be soundly rejected by the Senate. It's outrageous that elected officials are bashing BP in public while they seek their advice in private," said Deneen Borelli.

Deneen Borelli also commented on Obama downplaying the cost of cap-and-trade to Americans. During the presidential campaign Obama said, "Under my plan of a cap-and-trade system electricity rates would necessarily skyrocket. Businesses would have to retrofit their operations. That will cost money. They will pass that cost onto consumers."

Last night Obama minimized the cost, saying, "Now, there are costs associated with this transition."

"It's shocking the degree to which Obama is misleading the American people about the cost of cap-and-trade. Obama's priorities are with his progressive ideology and not with the interests of 'we the people'," Deneen Borelli said.

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