



"Michael Lennartz"
<michael.lennartz@tyson.com
>

06/19/2008 06:51 AM

To Group A-AND-R-DOCKET@EPA

cc

bcc

Subject Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2008-0380

Dear EPA,

I am in the restaurant industry and am very concerned about the negative consequences caused by grain-based ethanol mandates. Rising prices on staple foods have caused restaurant owners to raise menu prices at the expense of our customers. We must address this issue immediately.

Though ethanol has many negative effects, food prices have the most direct impact on Americans. Some estimate that increased biofuel demand accounts for 39% of the increase in corn prices, 21% of the increase in rice prices and 22% of the increase in wheat prices.

I urge you to approve Governor Rick Perry's recent request for a waiver of 50% of the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) mandate for ethanol made from corn.

Thank you,
Michael Lennartz
3313 w 200 n
portland IN 47371