

CIPMA Advocacy Efforts on Renewable Fuels Regulations Delivers Results

The Regulations Amending the Renewable Fuel Regulations, published today in the Canada Gazette, demonstrates that CIPMA's advocacy work with Government continues to provide benefits to members.

In April, CIPMA provided input to the amendments through the formal commentary channel at Environment Canada. As a follow up, Allan MacEwen, Chair of the Board, John Nunziata, CIPMA's Government Relations Consultant and I met with officials in Ottawa to communicate our members' concerns related to the proposed amendments. We advised the officials of the risks to product supply and to a competitive marketplace which would emerge immediately in Quebec and Atlantic Canada if the timelines proposed in the regulations were unchanged. We also highlighted particular concerns for regional suppliers.

The amended regulations reflect our recommendation that the timelines for implementation of the Biodiesel in Heating Oils and Diesel mandate be deferred.

- An exemption for renewable content in diesel fuel and heating distillate oil sold in Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island until **December 31, 2012**.
- In addition, a permanent exemption is being provided for Newfoundland and Labrador in light of specific challenges in this geographic area.

We recognize that, in spite of these amendments, this legislation still presents some challenges for our members. We will continue to monitor this file and develop additional advocacy strategies as required.

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