

Non-Interim Regulations Renewable Fuel Definition

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"Fuels that are synthesized from renewable energy sources, such as wind and solar, those approved by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Renewable Fuels Standard Program and hydrogen fuels (when produced with renewable processes), that result in a lifecycle greenhouse gas emission reduction of at least 50% or more under the Federal Clean Air Act, until such time as a state renewable fuel standard is adopted. Upon adoption of a state or regional standard, the standard most directly scaled to Tacoma will be used to define the use classification. Renewable fuels shall not include products produced from palm oil or other feedstocks that cannot be proven to reduce greenhouse gas emissions utilizing accepted methods of the Washington State Department of Ecology or US EPA."

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Proposed Amended Definition Renewable Fuels

"Fuels that meet requirements under federal or state programs for reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, including fuels that generate credits in Cap-and-Trade Programs, and fuels which meet current and future definitions in State law for low carbon fuels, renewable fuels or renewable resources, and fuels which meet the definitions State law for alternative energy resources. Such facilities may include shared infrastructure with other permitted facilities that meet the requirements of this Title."

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