EPA, we know you have a tough assignment. But every now and then, a best-case scenario comes true thanks to your vigilance. That’s the story with the Renewable Fuel Standard, which has delivered a win-win for the environment and American communities. And that’s worth protecting.

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When Congress passed the Renewable Fuel Standard, it couldn’t have imagined how Jeff Oestmann would put it to good use. After serving in the prestigious Marine Security Guard, Oestmann knows a few things about leadership thanks to more than 11 years of service in the Corps.

“The Marine Corps shaped my approach to life,” he says. “I’m not a quitter. I work to fix problems and get the job done.”

That explains why Oestmann seized the opportunity carved out by the RFS to help create something from nothing for his community in Garnett, Kansas: technology that can make two clean fuels from the corn grown near his biorefinery.

Today, East Kansas Agri-Energy is on its way to producing both ethanol and renewable diesel, an advanced biofuel, providing a lifeline to Garnett.

“Before our facility was built, Anderson County was one of the poorest in Kansas. The ethanol plant has changed the entire community.”

And that’s the measure of policy done right. For that, the Administration ought to feel good.

Let’s all follow Jeff Oestmann’s lead. EPA needs to stand strong in support of the RFS so we can continue to build on the success of Jeff and others.

Jeff Oestmann
CEO
East Kansas Agri-Energy
Meet Delayne Johnson, CEO of a quiet business that recently revolutionized the way we think about biofuel — all thanks to the Renewable Fuel Standard.

Last year, Delayne’s team at Quad County Corn Processors in Galva, Iowa, unveiled the first significant achievement in cellulosic ethanol. No pageantry. No fanfare. Just the devotion, ingenuity and hard work of a handful of innovators from a small Iowa town.

Spurred on by a sense of opportunity that came from the Renewable Fuel Standard, the scientists and engineers at Quad County Corn Processors developed a technology to produce cellulosic biofuel from the fiber left over from corn.

In other words, Quad County created a way to squeeze more fuel from the same kernel of corn, using less energy and sparking enormous economic opportunity for more biorefineries across the country.

And just like that, one kernel of grain now produces conventional and cellulosic biofuel, shrinking Quad County’s carbon footprint and delivering a huge leap in clean fuel for American motorists.

That’s a leap forward for both the environment and for those community-owned ethanol plants.

And if you’re the EPA, you have a right to feel good about that. Just think – this major advancement happened under your administration of the RFS. We appreciate that.

This year, the folks at Quad County will produce 2,000,000 gallons of cellulosic ethanol.

That’s innovation sparked by the Renewable Fuel Standard. And that’s worth keeping.

Let Delayne know that you’re not only sticking with the RFS, you’re standing behind the people who do good things with it.