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Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
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Response to Comment from Chuck Rocco

Crimson appreciates the interest of all parties participating in the public comment process and the opportunity to respond to comments. Crimson Renewable Energy is responding to the following comment.

“Corn used to produce ethanol is an energy intensive process where the energy gained is less than that used to produce it. Also, the environmental impact of fertilizers and pesticides has massive adverse effects not accounted for in most use analyses. Finally, the reduction in NOx and other tailpipe emissions, while helpful, is less than if more electric vehicles using solar produced power would achieve. So I would suggest that either a different approach be used to replace ethanol or a more aggressive solar vehicle program is enacted and using the money for corn based ethanol be used to subsidize electric vehicles.”

As per § 95488.7 (d)(5)(A), “Only comments related to potential factual or methodological errors will require responses from the fuel pathway applicant.” There are no ethanol pathways within this pathway application and Crimson cannot impact the regulatory direction for solar power.

Thank you for your comment.