



September 8, 2017

The Honorable Scott Pruitt
Administrator Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Pruitt:

The American Dairy Coalition (ADC) and the 30,000 dairy producers we represent across the United States support the swift activation of the Electric Pathway to allow electricity produced on farms to be sold to the commercial electrical grid and qualify as a renewable fuel under the RFS.

Anaerobic Digesters are important for the future of the dairy industry. Digesters abate odor, reduce carbon emissions, provide livestock bedding, generate renewable electricity and deliver environmental sustainability.

Livestock manure is NOT a liability. It is an asset when managed properly. It provides the nutrients to grow crops and is perfectly balanced as a corn fertilizer. Unfortunately, the future of digesters and their ability to operate is in jeopardy due to current situations presented on a state level through utility monopolies across the United States. Due to the enormous investments our members have already made in digesters, which are yielding very little or no payback, the American Dairy Coalition supports an electricity pathway. Farmers across the country who own anaerobic digesters will benefit greatly from the generation of Renewable Identification Numbers in accordance with the RFS.

We encourage you to make biogas produced with livestock manure significantly more valuable and provide dairy farmers and citizens across the United States with an environmentally viable solution for healthy suppliers of our natural resources. The activation of the Electric Pathway should be executed immediately.

Thank you for your consideration. Feel free to contact me if you would like me to provide you additional information on this topic.

Sincerely,

John Jacobs – President
American Dairy Coalition