



May 29, 2020

The Honorable Andrew Wheeler,  
Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

Submitted through Regulations.gov

Attention: Docket ID EPA-HQ-OAR-2015-0072

Re: Comment deadline extension for the Review of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter

Dear Administrator Wheeler:

On March 13, 2020, the President declared a national emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as of May 19, more than 1.5 million Americans have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and, sadly, 100,000 people have died. Many health professionals including nurses, physicians, researchers, and other public health professionals are focused on response to the pandemic, as they should be. A rule as important as a National Ambient Air Quality Standard merits full public participation, especially the participation of health and medical professionals who treat patients suffering from health issues related to air pollution or perform research on air pollution impacts.

As such, we respectfully request an extension of the comment period on the Review of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter of at least 30 additional days after

the end of the national emergency, or 30 additional days after the close of the originally scheduled comment period to July 28, 2020, whichever is later.

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