



September 13, 2017

Mr. Scott Pruitt
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
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Docket ID: No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2013-0146

Re: “Review of the Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Oxides of Nitrogen; Proposed Rule” Docket ID: No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2013-0146

Dear Administrator Pruitt:

The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) “Review of the Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Oxides of Nitrogen; Proposed Rule” (Proposed Rule) published in the Federal Register on July 26, 2017. The Proposed Rule would retain, without revision, the primary nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) based upon the EPA’s review of controlled-human exposure studies, experimental animal studies, epidemiological studies, and exposure risk assessments. The proposal to retain, without revision, the current primary standards is also in line with the Clean Air Act Scientific Advisory Committee’s (CASAC) recommendation to the EPA Administrator.

ADEQ supports EPA’s proposal to retain the primary NO₂ NAAQS. The evidence presented in the Proposed Rule supports the Administrator’s conclusion that the current primary NAAQS for NO₂ provide an adequate margin of safety in protecting public health.

Sincerely,

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Stuart Spencer
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