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## ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

April 13, 2022

Dr. Earthea Nance  
Regional Administrator  
United States EPA Region VI  
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200  
Dallas, Texas 75202-2733  
ATTN: Docket No. EPA-R06-OAR-2021-0801

*Submitted via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>*

Re: Arkansas Division of Environmental Quality Request for Public Comment Period Extension  
**Docket No. EPA-R06-OAR-2021-0801**

Dear Dr. Nance:

On February 22, 2022, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a proposed rule, "Air Plan Disapproval; Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas; Interstate Transport of Air Pollution for the 2015 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards." EPA proposed to disapprove Arkansas's plan, as well as plans submitted by other states, on the grounds that the plans did not address in-state emissions activities that were significantly contributing to nonattainment or interfering with maintenance of the 2015 ozone national ambient air quality standard in other states.

The Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment's Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is currently reviewing EPA's disapproval of Arkansas's plan elements, analyzing EPA's application of "2016v2" modeling data, and examining the EPA's reasoning behind the agency's analysis of Arkansas's emissions sources in an effort to provide meaningful comments to this docket.

Due to the complexity of EPA's proposed rulemaking, and the extensive data analysis necessary to support the State's ability to provide substantive comments, Arkansas respectfully requests that EPA grant a 60-day extension of the public comment period for this action to allow

sufficient time for affected states and facilities to thoroughly review the intricacies of the proposed rule and to develop insightful comments, to be submitted by June 24, 2022.

Regards,

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