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## ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

April 20, 2022

The Honorable Michael Regan  
Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460  
ATTN: Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2021-0668

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

Re: Arkansas Division of Environmental Quality Request for Public Comment Period Extension  
**Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2021-0668**

Dear Administrator Regan:

On April 6, 2022, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a proposed rule, “**Federal Implementation Plan Addressing Regional Ozone Transport for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard**” (Transport FIP). EPA proposed in a separate action, on February 22, 2022, 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 Transport FIP and examining the documentation supporting it, to provide meaningful comments to this docket.

Due to the complexity of EPA’s proposed Transport FIP, and the extensive data analysis and stakeholder outreach 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 August 5, 2022.

Regards,

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