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Subject: RE: Clean Air Regulations Inquiry for EPA

Erica –

I would suggested looking at the [Spring Regulatory Agenda](#) for additional information. Below are some highlights.

“Acting EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler is working to advance President Trump’s agenda to promote clean air and clean water while ensuring regulatory certainty for American businesses and growing the economy.” – EPA Spokesperson

On Background:

Some highlights: In April, President Donald Trump signed a Memorandum for the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), directing EPA to ensure efficient and cost-effective implementation of air quality standards under the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and regional haze programs of the Clean Air Act. Just one month later, EPA released a memorandum outlining the process for reviewing National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) under the Clean Air Act. This memo ensures that EPA and its independent science advisors follow a transparent, timely, and efficient process in reviewing and revising public health- and welfare-based NAAQS.

Support for the memo:

- “These NAAQS process reforms better separate scientific judgments from policy decisions,” **said former EPA Deputy Administrator (2005 – 2009) Marcus Peacock**. “Setting air quality standards is murky enough without muddying the distinctly different duties of scientists and political appointees in protecting human health and the environment.”
- “[C]lean air is our common goal, the question is how we get there. Missed deadlines and delayed guidance don’t help achieve it. Having all the facts as we set these standards also provides useful insight as standards that impact wide swaths of the country are set,” **said Rep. Pete Olson (TX)**. “I thank the Administrator and his team for taking this key step, and look forward to working with him as we continue to move toward standards that improve air quality while reducing unnecessary red tape.”
- “These reforms are long overdue. Congress clearly understood that there would be tradeoffs involved in the Clean Air Act,” **said Bracewell LLP Partner and former EPA Assistant Administrator for the Office of Air and Radiation (2001 – 2005) Jeff Holmstead**. “It’s good to see that the public will finally get an authoritative accounting of the adverse effects caused by some of EPA’s regulatory mandates. Policymakers, including members of Congress, need to understand the adverse public health, social, and economic effects of the actions that will be needed to meet inflexible air quality standards.”
- “A consequence of EPA’s non-transparent National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) setting process (which the Administrator rectified last month), has been the establishment of some standards near background levels,” **said Principal Scientist for Air Improvement Resource, Inc., and former Chairman of EPA’s Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (1992 – 1996) Dr. George Wolff**. “The policy ramifications of this have not been fully appreciated. Setting the NAAQS at such low levels has also exacerbated unintended adverse impacts. The contributions to uncontrollable background levels and the nature of these adverse effects need to be better understood to inform policy making decisions. It is not only appropriate that CASAC be an integral part of these discussions, but it is also mandated by an often-overlooked section of the Clean Air Act.”

- “I applaud the Trump administration’s efforts to improve implementation of the Clean Air Act,” said **Sen. John Barrasso (WY)**. “These necessary reforms will give certainty to states and businesses. The reforms will also make sure the Environmental Protection Agency considers all relevant data and information when it makes decisions. That is just good government.”
- “I applaud the EPA for taking this commonsense step to fix our broken process for setting and implementing ozone standards, which has caused confusion and stifled investment and job creation throughout the country,” said **Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (WV)**. “I am encouraged that the EPA reforms are taking an approach similar to that in legislation that I have championed, the Ozone Standards Implementation Act.”
- “I have been a participant and observer of the NAAQS review process since 1977 including serving as CASAC Chair and on Panels reviewing all of the criteria pollutants. The process has continued to improve over the decades, however, serious issues still remain. I applaud key principles outlined in the memo,” said **Independent Advisor on Toxicology and Human Health Risk Assessment and former Chairman of EPA's Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (1988 – 1992) Dr. Roger O. McClellan**. “It is appropriate to commit to meeting the statutory deadline of completing the review of each NAAQS every five years. Coordinating the Ozone and Particulate Matter reviews so they are completed close to each other, in October 2020 for Ozone and December 2020 for PM, should increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the process. The focus needs to be on the policy relevant information that will inform the policy decisions the CAA requires the Administrator to make.”

From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Wednesday, July 11, 2018 11:55 AM
To: Erica Pieschke [Ex. 6]
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Subject: Re: Clean Air Regulations Inquiry for EPA

Hi Erica, we are working to get you a response.

On Jul 11, 2018, at 11:52 AM, Erica Pieschke [Ex. 6] wrote:

Hello Enesta,

Just wanted to check in to see if anyone would be available for an interview this afternoon.

Thank you,
Erica

On Tue, Jul 10, 2018 at 7:17 PM Erica Pieschke [Ex. 6] wrote:

Thank you, I look forward to hearing back.

-Erica

On Tue, Jul 10, 2018 at 2:04 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

Tnx Erica. On it.

From: Erica Pieschke [Ex. 6]
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 2:04 PM
To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Clean Air Regulations Inquiry for EPA

Hello Enesta,

Thank you for getting back to me. These would be my questions:

- What specific changes has the Trump administration made in the clean air regulations?
- How does that impact California? South Carolina?
- Any specific impact for children with the change and regulations?

My deadline is tomorrow evening at 4pm.

Thank you,

Erica Pieschke

On Tue, Jul 10, 2018 at 1:24 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Erica, please send your specific questions and hard deadline.

Thanks,
Enesta