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Good afternoon – Tomorrow, API will publish the below press release on PM NAAQS. Don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,
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API welcomes EPA proposal to maintain existing air quality standards

WASHINGTON, April 14, 2020 – Today, the American Petroleum Institute released the following statement on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposed rule on the Particulate Matter (PM) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), which recommends retaining all six of the current standards. API participated throughout the agency's public process of developing science and policy documents that are the basis for this proposed rule.

"Many industry groups across America – including ours – agree that EPA's proposed rule is a smart balance that will further reduce emissions and help protect public health while meeting America's energy needs," API Senior Vice President of Policy, Economics and Regulatory Affairs Frank Macchiarola said. "The U.S. has made significant progress in this area as the U.S. has reduced PM_{2.5} annual concentrations by 39 percent since 2000. This proposal is an important step toward continuing this progress. We are reviewing EPA's proposal and intend to provide public testimony and comments to the regulatory docket."

Since 2000, the U.S. has reduced emissions that can contribute to PM, including reducing SO₂ 84% while NO_x air releases are down 54%. Continued implementation of existing regulations can help continue this trend.

Estimated economic impacts of previous potential avenues for NAAQS regulation, coupled with the evidence presented in the proposed rule that there isn't compelling new evidence to lower the annual standard, further support EPA's proposal to retain the current PM NAAQS.

API represents all segments of America's oil and natural gas industry. Its more than 600 members produce, process, and distribute most of the nation's energy. The industry supports 10.9 million U.S. jobs and is backed by a growing grassroots movement of millions of Americans. API was formed in 1919 as a standards-setting organization. In its first 100 years, API has developed more than 700 standards to enhance operational and environmental safety, efficiency and sustainability.

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