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Via electronic mail: [mkeogh@4cleanair.org](mailto:mkeogh@4cleanair.org)

Dear Mr. Keogh:

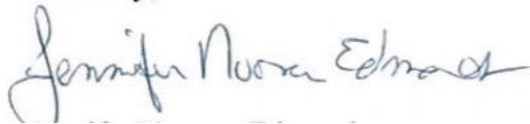
Thank you for your November 29, 2022, letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requesting a 30-day extension of the comment period for the supplemental proposed rulemaking “Standards of Performance for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources and Emissions Guidelines for Existing Sources: Oil and Natural Gas Sector Climate Review.”

On November 8, 2022, EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan signed the supplemental proposal to update, strengthen, and expand EPA’s November 2021 proposal to reduce methane and volatile organic compound pollution from new, modified, and reconstructed oil and natural gas sources and to establish the first nationwide emission guidelines for states to limit methane pollution from existing facilities. EPA’s supplemental proposal reflects input and information the Agency received during the public comment period on the November 2021 proposal from a diverse set of stakeholders, including small and large oil and natural gas producers, states, tribes, methane detection technology vendors, community groups, and environmental organizations. EPA received more than 470,000 written comments on the November 2021 proposal, held government-to-government consultation with several tribal nations, and held a three-day public hearing. Following the publication of the supplemental proposal, EPA held a second three-day public hearing, January 10 through 12, 2023, at which 300 speakers provided testimony. The comment period for the supplemental proposal will remain open through February 13, 2023.

At this time, EPA is not planning to extend the comment period. If this information changes, an announcement will be published in the Federal Register. EPA is committed to developing a final rule that is effective from a climate and health perspective, feasible to implement, encouraging of innovation, and complementary to existing state and voluntary methane-reduction efforts.

Again, thank you for your letter. We look forward to your continued engagement on this rulemaking.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Noora Edmoch". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

for  
Peter Tsirigotis  
Director