



COLORADO

Governor Jared Polis

March 26, 2019

Doug Benevento
Regional Administrator
USEPA Region VIII
1595 Wynkoop Street
Denver, CO 80202-1129

Re: *Withdrawal of Colorado's Request to Extend the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard Attainment Date for the Denver Metropolitan/North Front Range Nonattainment Area*

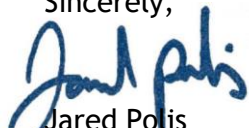
Dear Mr. Benevento:

The purpose of this letter is to notify the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of Colorado's request to withdraw its June 4, 2018 request to extend the attainment date for the 2008 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (2008 NAAQS). The request was properly and timely made pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§ 7502(a)(2)(C) and 7511(a)(5). EPA proposed to approve the request in its proposed rule, *Determinations of Attainment by the Attainment Date, Extensions of the Attainment Date, and Reclassification of Several Areas Classified as Moderate for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards*, 83 Fed. Reg. 56,781 (Nov. 14, 2018).

We wish to express our appreciation to the EPA for the time and effort involved in processing Colorado's request, and for proposing to approve it. But given the vital importance of coming into compliance with the 2008 ozone NAAQS to protect the health of our communities, we believe that the interests of our citizens are best served by moving aggressively forward and without delay in our efforts to reduce ground level ozone concentrations in the Denver Metro/North Front Range non-attainment area. Colorado requests that the EPA continue to work closely with our air planning agencies to develop appropriate and achievable schedules and strategies for continuing progress towards attainment of the 2008 NAAQS. We appreciate all of EPA's assistance in this regard, and look forward to a continued, productive working relationship on this critically important issue.

If you have any questions, please contact Garry Kaufman, Director of the Air Pollution Control Division, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, at 303-692-3114.

Sincerely,


Jared Polis
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