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Dear Mr. Ailor:

Thank you for your September 1, 2023, letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requesting an extension of the comment period for the Agency's proposed rule "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Coke Ovens: Pushing, Quenching, and Battery Stacks, and Coke Oven Batteries; Residual Risk and Technology Review, and Periodic Technology Review," published in the *Federal Register* on August 16, 2023 (88 FR 55858).

On July 31, 2023, Administrator Regan signed these proposed amendments, which reflect the results of two of the Agency's statutorily required reviews: the residual risk and technology review of the NESHAP for the pushing, quenching and battery stacks source category and the technology review of the NESHAP for the coke ovens batteries source category. For the pushing, quenching and battery stacks category, EPA's proposed amendments include new standards for several unregulated hazardous air pollutants. For the coke ovens batteries category, EPA's proposed amendments include lower limits for leaks from certain emission points and fence-line monitoring for benzene. The EPA is soliciting comment on all aspects of the proposed rulemaking, and the comment period will remain open through October 2, 2023.

At this time, the EPA is not planning to extend the public comment period. If this information changes, an announcement will be published in the *Federal Register*. Again, thank you again for your letter. We look forward to your continued engagement on this rulemaking.

Sincerely,

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