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The Honorable Brad R. Wenstrup, D.P.M.
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Wenstrup:

Thank you for your September 28, 2023, letter to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Michael S. Regan regarding the Agency's proposed regulations for coke ovens.

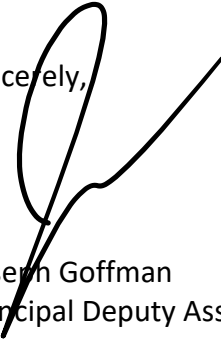
On August 16, 2023, the EPA issued proposed amendments to the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Coke Ovens: Pushing, Quenching, and Battery Stacks and the NESHAP for Coke Oven Batteries. These proposed amendments reflect the results of two reviews mandated by the Clean Air Act: 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. As part of completing the required technology reviews for both NESHAP, the EPA also proposed new emissions standards for previously unregulated emissions or sources, as required by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit in its decision *Louisiana Environmental Action Network v. EPA*, 955 F.3d 1088 (D.C. Cir. 2020).

The Agency appreciates receiving your letter. It has been shared with relevant staff in EPA's Office of Air and Radiation for inclusion in the dockets for these rulemakings (Docket ID Nos. EPA-HQ-OAR-2002-0085 and EPA-HQ-OAR-2003-0051) and the EPA will consider your letter as the EPA moves forward in its decision-making process.

We will review all the comments and information that we received during the public comment period, which closed on October 2, 2023. We will consider all potential flexibilities that will help shape the final rule. The EPA is committed to developing final rules for the two coke ovens source categories that protect public health, comply with the Agency's legal obligations, minimize impacts to the coke ovens industry sector and take into consideration all public comments received.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Ms. Kyle J. Zieba in the EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at zieba.kyle@epa.gov or (202) 893-0018.

Sincerely,



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