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Lee Zeldin, Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
EPA Docket Center
Docket ID Number: EPA-R09-OAR-2024-0600
Mail Code 28221T
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20460

Re: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's "Air Plan Revisions; Arizona; Arizona Department of Environmental Quality",
Docket ID Number: EPA-R09-OAR-2024-0600

Dear Administrator Zeldin:

ADEQ appreciates the opportunity to comment on EPA's proposed "Air Plan Revisions; Arizona; Arizona Department of Environmental Quality " 90 FR 5790 (January 17, 2025).


EPA's proposed rule established a deadline of February 18, 2025 for public comment. ADEQ, on behalf of the Arizona Agriculture Best Management Practices (AgBMP) Committee, is requesting that EPA extend the comment period because developing a response to this notice requires consultation among the AgBMP Committee which is a public body and has requirements to meet and deliberate. Since more than one meeting may be required to consider the proposal and develop a reasoned response, the time provide by EPA is not adequate. The AgBMP Committee is requesting that EPA extend the public comment period by 60 days and notify the public of the extension as soon as possible and well in advance of the February 18, 2025 deadline so commenters may make full use of the additional time.

The AgBMP Committee appreciates EPA's need for adequate time to consider comments, conduct any additional analyses, develop the final rule package, and complete agency and interagency reviews. However, this need should also be balanced against the public's interest to have adequate time to consider and respond to EPA's complex proposal with more thorough and detailed comments. The AgBMP Committee believes that 31 days is insufficient time for public comment.

The AgBMP Committee appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments on EPA's proposed action. If you have any questions, please contact Daniel Czecholinski, Air Quality Division Director, at 602-771-4684 or czecholinski.daniel@azdeq.gov.

Sincerely,

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