



June 17, 2026

Lee Zeldin, Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency  
William J. Clinton Building  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20460

Re: Request for 30-Day Extension of Comment Period - Ozone Reclassification State Implementation Plan Rule

Dear Administrator Zeldin:

The American Lung Association requests a 30-day extension of the public comment period on the proposed Ozone Reclassification State Implementation Plan Rule to allow for adequate consideration of the implications of the proposed rule. We also request the Agency hold a public hearing on the proposal.

The proposed rule would lay out a new process that interacts in complex ways with existing requirements for State Implementation Plans (SIPs) for ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards under the Clean Air Act. SIP creation and implementation is a critical and necessarily robust process requiring meaningful input by numerous stakeholders. States that are in the process of developing or implementing SIPs, organization stakeholders and communities that will be impacted by this change require additional time to adequately analyze and comment on specifics of the proposed rule, as well as an opportunity to share these comments at a public hearing. Given the proposed change in decades-long practice under the Clean Air Act, 30 days does not allow for the level of thorough analysis and thoughtful feedback this proposed rule merits.

We request that you extend the comment period deadline 30 days to August 12 and hold a public hearing so that stakeholders and members of the public can offer input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harold Wimmer".

Harold P. Wimmer  
National President and CEO