



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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THE ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Stakeholders:

I am proposing to determine that the model year (MY) 2022-2025 light-duty vehicle greenhouse gas (GHG) standards adopted in the 2012 final rule establishing the MY 2017-2025 standards (77 FR 62624, October 15, 2012) remain appropriate under section 202(a)(1) of the Clean Air Act. This Proposed Determination is part of the Midterm Evaluation of standards required under 40 CFR 86.1818-12(h) of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations. EPA is seeking public comment on its proposed adjudicatory determination that the GHG standards currently in place for MY 2022-2025 remain appropriate under the Clean Air Act and therefore should not be amended to be either more or less stringent.

This Proposed Determination follows a Draft Technical Assessment Report (TAR) issued jointly by EPA, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) in July 2016. In the Draft TAR, the agencies examined a wide range of issues relevant to the appropriateness of the GHG emissions standards for MY 2022-2025, based on significant research and consideration of information provided by manufacturers and other stakeholders. The Draft TAR was required by EPA's regulations as the first step in the Midterm Evaluation process and we shared it with the public for their review and comments. For the next step, this Proposed Determination, EPA has considered public comments submitted on the Draft TAR as well as other information, and has updated its analyses where appropriate. EPA will again consider the public comments received on the Proposed Determination as it proceeds with the final step in the Midterm Evaluation, a Final Determination regarding the appropriateness of the MY 2022-2025 standards.

Please see the preface of the enclosed Proposed Determination document or the associated *Federal Register* notice for information on how to submit comments. Materials related to the Proposed Determination and Midterm Evaluation are available in docket EPA-HQ-OAR-2015-0827 and at <https://www.epa.gov/regulations-emissions-vehicles-and-engines/midterm-evaluation-light-duty-vehicle-ghg-emissions>.

We thank you for your interest in this issue and look forward to stakeholder input as we continue the Midterm Evaluation process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gina McCarthy".

Gina McCarthy

Enclosure