



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

April 24, 2019

OFFICE OF
AIR AND RADIATION

Mr. Frank J. Macchiarola
Vice President, Downstream & Industry Operations
American Petroleum Institute
1220 L Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Macchiarola:

Thank you for your letter dated April 18, 2019, regarding the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Proposed Rule "Modifications to Fuel Regulations to Provide Flexibility for E15; Modifications to RFS RIN Market Regulations." In your letter, you request that EPA extend the comment period for this proposed rule to 60 days.

EPA has considered your request. EPA continues to believe that the current 39-day comment period is appropriate and therefore is denying the request for an extension of the comment period. The regulatory modifications detailed in this proposal are necessary to finalize by the start of the summer driving season on June 1 and extending the comment period would hinder the Agency's ability to make a decision in a timely manner.

I appreciate the opportunity to be of service and trust the information provided is helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W L Wehrum".

William L. Wehrum
Assistant Administrator