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OFFICE OF AIR AND RADIATION

Mr. David DeGennaro Policy Specialist National Wildlife Federation 1200 G Street NW, Suite 900 Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. DeGennaro:

Thank you for your letter to Administrator Wheeler dated April 17, 2019, regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's Proposed Rule "Modifications to Fuel Regulations to Provide Flexibility for E15; Modifications to RFS RIN Market Regulations." The Administrator has asked me to respond on his behalf. In your letter, you request that EPA extend the comment period for this proposed rule.

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,

William L. Wehrum Assistant Administrator