



Alliance of Nurses for  
Healthy Environments



September 18, 2018

The Honorable Andrew Wheeler  
Acting Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

Re: Comment period extension request for proposed rulemaking– Docket No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2017-0355

Dear Acting Administrator Wheeler:

The undersigned health and medical organizations respectfully request that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) extend the comment deadline for at least 60 additional days on the proposed Affordable Clean Energy (ACE) rule. We further request that EPA hold at least three additional public hearings on the proposal.

The limited public comment period and single hearing do not allow the public adequate opportunity to engage, particularly on a complex and sweeping rule.

Before proposing the Clean Power Plan, EPA held eleven listening sessions across the country, followed by another four public hearings after the proposal was issued. The comment period on the proposed Clean Power Plan was 120 days long.

The ACE proposal is a major departure from the policies outlined in the Clean Power Plan, with significant and complex implications for public health.

Our organizations request the addition of at least 60 days to the current public comment period, along with additional hearings on the proposal.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Allergy & Asthma Network  
Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments  
American Lung Association  
American Public Health Association

American Thoracic Society  
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health  
Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health  
Physicians for Social Responsibility