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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Extension of the Comment Periods for draft versions of "PM_{2.5} Precursor Demonstration Guidance" and "Guidance on the Development of Modeled Emission Rates for Precursors (MERPs) as a Tier 1 Demonstration Tool for Ozone and PM_{2.5} under the PSD Permitting Program"

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On November 17, 2016, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released a memo announcing the availability of a draft version of "PM_{2.5} Precursor Demonstration Guidance" to state, local and tribal air agencies, as well as the public, for consideration, review, and comment. The memo invited public comment on the draft guidance by January 31, 2017. In addition, on December 2, 2016, the EPA released a memo announcing the availability of a draft version of "Guidance on the Development of Modeled Emission Rates for Precursors (MERPs) as a Tier 1 Demonstration Tool for Ozone and PM_{2.5} under the PSD Permitting Program" for public comment. This additional memo invited public comment on the draft MERPs guidance by February 3, 2017.

The EPA received several requests from both state and industry groups to extend the comment period on both of the guidance documents by up to 60 days. In order to provide adequate time for meaningful and thorough comment, the EPA is extending the comment deadline for both guidance documents by approximately 60 days, to March 31, 2017.

The EPA will accept comments on the draft PM_{2.5} Precursor Demonstration guidance on and before March 31, 2017. Comments should be electronically submitted to Brian Timin of EPA's Air Quality Assessment Division at timin.brian@epa.gov or Patrick Lessard of the Air Quality Policy Division at lessard.patrick@epa.gov. The draft guidance document is available electronically on the EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/pm-pollution/draft-pm25-precursor-demonstration-guidance>. If you have any questions concerning this document, please contact Brian Timin at (919) 541-1850 or timin.brian@epa.gov or Patrick Lessard at (919) 541-5383 or lessard.patrick@epa.gov.

The EPA will accept comments of the draft MERPs guidance on and before March 31, 2017. Comments should be electronically submitted to Mr. George Bridgers of the EPA's Air Quality

Assessment Division at bridgers.george@epa.gov. The draft guidance document is available electronically on the EPA's SCRAM website at https://www3.epa.gov/ttn/scram/guidance/guide/EPA454_R_16_006.pdf.

If there are any questions regarding the draft MERPs guidance, please contact George Bridgers at (919) 541-5563 or bridgers.george@epa.gov.