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Good Morning James,

We certainly understand the current slowdowns in reviews, and we appreciate the EPA efforts to help us with expediting this approval process.

I affirm your request for the extension to November 30, 2021. Please let us know if you need anything further.

Regards,

Steve Lee

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Hello Steve,

Hope all's well for you this Friday. We need to ask a favor of you. Our primacy regulations for the Class VI program specify that EPA has a 30-day regulatory review period from the date of receipt of primacy review requests from States. Since we received your final package on September 17, 2021, we are now running up against this 30-day deadline. While we appear to have everything in place to approve the primacy revision, we are having difficulties scheduling a briefing and signature time with our Acting Regional Administrator. We are being told early November is when we can expect to have this briefing.

Fortunately, the regulations do allow for an extension of the regulatory review period, should EPA and the State agree one is needed. (The regulations do not specify at what managerial level this agreement should occur, so for expediency I am initiating it at our level.) With that, I am requesting from you an extension of the regulatory review period to November 30, 2021. Please respond to my email affirming this request should you agree.

Thank you for your understanding.

Jim

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