

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

June 20, 2013

Carl Daly
Director, Air Program
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RE: Docket ID No. EPA-R08-OAR-2012-0026

Dear Director Daly:

We are writing to request a delay in the public hearing and an extension to the comment period for EPA's revised proposal for the Wyoming Regional Haze Implementation Plan.

As you know, a public hearing is currently scheduled for June 24, 2013, with a 60-day comment period commencing on the June 10, 2013 publication of the proposed rule in the Federal Register. It is our understanding that this newly issued proposed rule differs significantly from the proposal published a year ago, with substantial differences in visibility modeling and resulting compliance costs.

Given the impacts the proposed changes could have on South Dakotans, we believe it is necessary to provide all interested parties with more time to review and analyze the proposal and its impact. Therefore, we respectfully request that the public hearing be rescheduled to a new date approximately 60 days later, and that the public comment period be extended until a date at least 30 days after the rescheduled public hearing.

We appreciate your thoughtful consideration of this request, and look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,


Tim Johnson
United States Senator


John Thune
United States Senator


Kristi Noem
Member of Congress

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