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The Honorable Lisa P. Jackson  
Administrator  
US Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, District of Columbia 20460-0001

Dear Administrator Jackson:

I am writing to you regarding the public comment period for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposed New Source Performance Standards and National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants Reviews for the oil and natural gas sector.

While I recognize the constraint of the consent decree under which EPA is operating to promulgate this rulemaking, I believe that the 60-day comment period is too short. Given the complexity of the interconnected five proposed rules and the number of other pending rules for this sector, I would ask that the comment period be extended by 60 days in order to provide stakeholders the necessary time to provide meaningful input.

EPA has a critical role in safeguarding the public's health and welfare. That role includes the responsibility to provide the fullest opportunity for public input. Domestic oil and gas production is at an historic juncture, and operators and others deserve the chance to vet fully the future rules of the road. I hope that they can be given that chance.

I look forward to your response. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Max Baucus". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Max" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Baucus".