



## **Industrial Energy Consumers of America**

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Dr. Scott Jenkins  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
OAQPS (Mail Code: C539-02)  
Research Triangle Park, NC 27711

***Re: Review of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter, Docket No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2015-0072***

Dear Dr. Jenkins:

On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA), we support EPA's proposal to retain both the primary and secondary particulate matter (PM) standards, without revision. In determining this decision, it is our understanding that you have considered all of the available scientific evidence assessed in the Integrated Science Assessment, analyses in the Policy Assessment, and the advice from the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee. It is also our understanding that significant uncertainties in the scientific evidence drive the decision to propose retaining the standards. This decision upholds the requirements of the Clean Air Act to set standards at levels requisite to protect public health, i.e. neither too high nor too low.

Considering the uncertainties in the scientific evidence, we support the future regular reviews of the evidence for health effects and potential future adjustments to the standard, accordingly, under the terms of the Clean Air Act calling for regular review of National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

Sincerely,

Paul N. Cicio  
President

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