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**Request for Extension of Comment Period for
EPA Proposed Air Plan Disapproval
California; Los Angeles-South Coast Air Basin; 1997 8-Hour Ozone
Docket ID No. EPA-R09-OAR-2023-0626**

Dear Ms. Vagenas:

Clean Water SoCal requests a 30-day extension to the comment period for the proposed disapproval of the “Final Contingency Measure Plan—Planning for Attainment of the 1997 80 ppb 8-hour Ozone Standard in the South Coast Air Basin”.

The proposed disapproval could adversely affect our members’ ability to provide essential public water/wastewater services by delaying or even denying permits necessary for maintenance and upgrades to public water/wastewater facilities. The proposed offset sanctions could create a permit moratorium in the South Coast Air Basin. The current March 4, 2024, comment deadline does not provide sufficient time for our members to evaluate the potential effects of the proposed air plan disapproval and provide well developed comments. Extending the comment period would allow for our members to developed practical recommendations for EPA consideration.

Clean Water SoCal represents over 80 public water/wastewater agencies in Southern California. Clean Water SoCal members provide essential water supply and wastewater treatment for approximately 20 million people in Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura counties. Clean Water SoCal’s wastewater members provide

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environmentally sound, cost-effective management of more than two billion gallons of wastewater each day and, in the process, convert wastewater into resources for beneficial uses such as recycled water and renewable energy. Many Clean Water SoCal member agencies are in the South Coast Air Basin.

We sincerely thank you in advance for your consideration of this request for a 30-day extension of the comment period through April 3, 2024.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding this transmittal, please contact me directly at (760) 415-4332 or sjepesen@cleanwatersocal.org

Sincerely,

Steve Jepsen

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steve Jepsen', is written in a cursive style.

Executive Director - Clean Water SoCal