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HOW TO GET INVOLVED IN PUBLIC COMMENTING: EPA'S AIR TRANSPORT PROPOSED RULES

When the executive branch of the federal government proposes new or changed regulations, the American people have the right to get involved by commenting on the proposed rules. This is a great opportunity to have your voice heard, and luckily, the process is simple! You can submit your comments online at a specially designed website, by email, by fax, by mail, or even by hand delivery to EPA.

No matter how you submit your comments, make sure that they are identified by the special docket number associated with this rulemaking. The docket number for this transport rule is: **EPA-HQ-OAR-2009-0491**.

Once you have learned about the air transport rule proposal and decided that you want to comment, you can either write up your own comments or see our draft comment letter below. In either case, here are the specifics on how to comment.

- **Through the internet**: go to www.regulations.gov and follow the simple instructions.
- **By Email**: Include your comments as an attachment or in the email's text, then email to a-and-r-docket@epa.gov. Include the docket number in the subject line. Note that internet submissions are anonymous but email submissions are not.
- **By Fax**: send to 202 566 9744 and make sure the cover sheet has the docket number.
- **By Mail**: Include two copies of your comments and send to:
EPA Docket Center; EPA West (Air Docket)
Attention Docket ID No EPA-HQ-OAR-2009-0491
Environmental Protection Agency
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1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460.
- **Hand Delivery**: Walk two copies of your comments to the EPA in DC at Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20406. Be sure to go during normal business hours.

Feel free to use the sample letter on the next page as the basis for your comments. Make changes as you see fit, and remember to put in the date and sign with your own name.

**YOUR NAME
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The Honorable Lisa Jackson, Administrator
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**Re: Submission of Comments on the Proposed Air Transport Rule, Docket ID No.
EPA-HQ-OAR-2009-0491**

Dear Administrator Jackson:

I support EPA's decision to replace the Clean Air Interstate Rule with the newly proposed Air Pollution Transport Rule. This proposal is an important step in improving regional air quality and it continues to appreciate that air pollution does not recognize political boundaries.

This new rule creates a flexible yet rigorous system for drastically reducing sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides in our air. Reducing both pollutants by over 50% is a remarkable goal, but I believe that even more can be done. The benefits of this rule could reach nearly \$300 billion in health, environmental and aesthetic improvements. Just think of the benefits that we will gain with further reductions! I consider this rule to be a starting point, setting a strong foundation for further reduction in the air pollutants generated by burning coal and oil. This rule will protect our air, and it will also put pressure on power producers to switch from dirty power such as coal to cleaner alternatives.

The EPA has an important role in helping states achieve clean and healthy environments when they cannot do it themselves. Air pollution is a perfect example of a problem that a state cannot individually conquer, and this proposed rule is an example of good federal involvement. It is for all these reasons that I support the proposed Transport Rule and commend EPA on the work that you have done in developing it.

Respectfully Submitted by:

YOUR NAME HERE