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Sarah - My apologies for having your e-mail incorrect in my first attempt.

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Dear Colleagues:

Today, EPA's Acting Administrator signed a notice granting a petition from Nevada Energy to reconsider the date Reid Gardner Generating Station must meet the Best Available Retrofit Technology emission limits for nitrogen oxides. EPA is also proposing an 18-month extension of the compliance date from January 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. We will have a 60 day public comment period on the proposed action. We also intend to hold a public hearing for this proposed action during the comment period and will close the public comment period at least 30 days after the date of the hearing.

Background: The original deadline was set by EPA in August 2012 and was consistent with the date approved in Nevada's Regional Haze State Implementation Plan. The NOx reductions are required under the Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART) requirement of the Regional Haze Rule. The proposed additional time would allow Nevada Energy a total of four years from the effective date of the final BART determination to comply. The proposed timeframe is consistent with the Clean Air Act, which requires BART controls to be installed as expeditiously as practicable, but no later than five years from the date of the final BART determination.

I have attached to this message a pre-publication Federal Register Notice as well as an EPA fact sheet with some additional information.

These documents will soon be posted on the following website:
http://www.epa.gov/region9/air/actions/nv.html#haze

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information. I am out of the office on Friday, March 15th, but will be back in the office on Monday, March 18th.

Regards,

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