

## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** EPA Docket No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2018-0195

**FROM:** Nathan Topham, Environmental Engineer  
U.S. EPA/OAQPS/SPPD/MICG (D243-02)

**DATE:** July 10, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Summary of June 4, 2020 Meeting with State Agencies on May 22, 2020  
Proposed Amendments to Residential Wood Heater New Source Performance Standards

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### **Attendees**

EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS): Chuck French, Nathan Topham, Amanda Aldridge, Larry Sorrels

EPA's Office of General Counsel: Scott Jordan

EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance: Bob Scinta, Rafael Sanchez, Patrick Yellen

Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM)

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA)

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

California Air Resources Board (CARB)

National Association of Clean Air Agencies (NACAA)

The Western States Air Resources Council (WESTAR)

State and local environmental agencies including the following states/localities: Iowa; City of Jacksonville; Louisville, KY; Texas; Montana; Nevada; Alaska; Puget Sound; Idaho; Fairbanks, Alaska; Michigan; Wisconsin; Connecticut; Delaware; Pennsylvania

### **Summary**

Nathan Topham of EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards summarized the proposal that was signed on May 15, 2020 and published in the Federal Register on May 22, 2020. Mr. Topham provided information for attendees regarding the public hearing on June 8, 2020.

Stakeholders on the call asked various questions about economic and environmental impacts of the proposed rule as well as the rationale for the timing of the proposed amendments. Mr. Topham restated what was included in the proposed rule, namely that EPA seeks comment on

potential economic and environmental impacts, if any, of the proposed amendments. Mr. Topham also explained that the EPA plans to finalize the proposed amendments by the end of September, which would leave around 60 days of sales opportunities for retailers until the step 1 stoves may no longer be sold. This time period approximately replaces the 60 days that were lost between March-May 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Stakeholders asked questions of EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance related to enforcement actions in the wood heater industry. EPA staff restated what was in the proposed rule and described past and ongoing efforts in this sector. Questions were also asked related to manufacturing of step 1 heaters. EPA clarified that the proposed amendments do not allow additional manufacturing of step 1 heaters.