

FACT SHEET

Extension of Deadline for Action on the Section 126 Petition from Connecticut

Action

- On July 14, 2016, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) extended by six months the deadline to respond to a petition submitted by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection under section 126 of the Clean Air Act.
- The petition requests that EPA make a finding that the Brunner Island Steam Electric Station in York County, Pennsylvania, is emitting air pollutants that significantly contribute to nonattainment or interfere with maintenance of the 2008 ozone national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) in Connecticut.
- If EPA makes such a finding, the source must comply with any emission limits established by EPA.
- EPA has begun to review the petition and supporting technical information provided by Connecticut but the Agency will need additional time to complete a more in-depth review, develop a proposed remedy if necessary, and provide adequate time for the public to comment prior to issuing the final rule.

Background

- Section 126 of the Clean Air Act gives a state the authority to ask EPA to set emissions limits for specific sources of air pollution in other states that significantly contribute to the petitioning state's air quality problems.
- The Clean Air Act allows 60 days for EPA to respond to these types of petitions.
- The 60-day period will not allow EPA to complete the necessary technical review, develop an adequate proposal, and allow time for notice and comment on whether the Brunner Island Station contributes significantly to nonattainment or maintenance problems in Connecticut.
- The Clean Air Act allows EPA to take this procedural action if the Agency determines that the extension is necessary.

More Information

- To read the final extension rule, visit: <https://www.epa.gov/ozone-pollution/2008-ozone-national-ambient-air-quality-standards-naaqs-section-126-petitions>.