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Dear Dr. Zhuang:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is reconsidering the final rule "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Ethylene Oxide Emissions Standards for Sterilization Facilities Residual Risk and Technology Review" (89 FR 24090, April 5, 2024). "Trump EPA Announces Reconsideration of Air Rules Regulating American Energy, Manufacturing, Chemical Sectors (NESHAPs)," U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, March 12, 2025 (Press Release).

Specifically, the issues we are reconsidering include but are not limited to the following:

- EPA's authority and decision to undertake a second residual risk review under Clean Air Act (CAA) section 112(f)(2), the analysis and determinations made in that review, and the resulting risk standards;
- The standards promulgated pursuant to CAA section 112(d)(6); and
- The requirement to demonstrate compliance using a continuous emission monitoring system.

The EPA intends to issue a proposed rule seeking public comment on the issues it is reconsidering and related proposed changes to the rule. The EPA expects to take final action by March 2026.

We thank you for your continued interest in this rule and look forward to hearing from you during the reconsideration process. If you have any questions regarding the reconsideration process, please contact Ms. Penny Lassiter of my staff at (919) 541-5396 or by email at [lassiter.penny@epa.gov](mailto:lassiter.penny@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

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