THE ADMINISTRATOR
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

February 26, 2026

The Honorable Andy Beshear
Governor of Kentucky
Capitol Building, Suite 100
700 Capitol Avenue
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Dear Governor Beshear:

I am responding to your February 28, 2025, letter petitioning the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to opt out of the Federal reformulated gasoline program (RFG) for Jefferson County and parts of Bullitt and Oldham Counties (the "Kentucky portion of the Louisville Area"). These counties are part of the Louisville Moderate nonattainment area for the 2015 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard and the maintenance area for the 1997 ozone NAAQS. The Commonwealth of Kentucky submitted supplemental information, including a noninterference demonstration, in support of the opt-out petition on August 4, 2025.

Through this letter, I am notifying you that I have approved the Commonwealth's petition. The opt-out petition is consistent with the applicable provisions of the Clean Air Act and EPA's regulations at 40 CFR 1090.290. As a result of my approval of your petition, Federal RFG will no longer be required in the Kentucky portion of the Louisville Area as of May 27, 2026.

A *Federal Register* notice will soon be published announcing to the public the approval of the petition and the May 27, 2026, effective date of the opt-out. The *Federal Register* notice will also be made publicly available on EPA's website following signature.

If you have further questions or concerns, your staff may contact John Eunice, EPA's Principal Deputy Associate Administrator for Intergovernmental Relations, at Eunice.John@epa.gov or (771) 250-3357.

Sincerely,

Lee M. Zeldin