

March 25, 2024

The Honorable Michael Regan
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Administrator Regan:

We write in support of the application submitted by the Colorado Energy Office (CEO) for the Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant. If awarded, CEO will deploy a comprehensive strategy for industrial decarbonization, the Colorado hydrogen economy, energy efficiency and electrification of large commercial buildings, and methane emission reduction and monitoring.

Funding will further industrial decarbonization and support emissions analysis to identify high-priority existing and emerging on-site emission reduction strategies for various industrial facilities. Many of these operations are located in low-income and disadvantaged communities. The grant will also support Colorado's clean hydrogen economic development activities for the technology's use in hard-to-decarbonize industrial operations as well as aviation, heavy duty transportation, long duration energy storage, load-following services in the power sector. This work will also pursue the replacement of existing gray hydrogen applications with clean hydrogen, and, when appropriate, process heat.

The proposal also builds on existing aerial and ground methane monitoring programs, while also continuing ground-based monitoring systems that work with the agriculture sector to reduce methane emissions from animal agriculture. Lastly, CEO will also focus efforts on the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions for large commercial buildings through the development of evaluation resources, case studies, low interest financing and technical assistance for building owners and operators, and direct funding for energy efficiency upgrades and electrification.

By securing this funding, CEO will implement greenhouse gas reduction strategies that will offer cost effective emission reductions, as well as co-pollutant reductions that will benefit Colorado's disproportionately impacted communities. We respectfully encourage you to give the Colorado Energy Office's application your full and fair consideration consistent with all applicable laws and regulations. Thank you for your review, and please notify our office of any funds awarded.

Sincerely,



John Hickenlooper
United States Senator