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The Honorable Barry Breen
Acting Assistant Administrator
Office of Land and Emergency Management
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20460

The Honorable Carlton Waterhouse
Deputy Assistant Administrator
Office of Land and Emergency Management
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1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
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Re: TFI Request for Extension of Comment Period on “Safer Communities by Chemical Accident Prevention” Proposed Rule; EPA-HQ-OLEM-2022-0174

Dear Mr. Breen and Mr. Waterhouse:

The Fertilizer Institute (TFI)¹, on behalf of its member companies, respectfully requests the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) extend the comment deadline for the Proposed Rulemaking soliciting comments on modifications to the Risk Management Program (RMP) regulations (87 Fed. Reg. 53556). The sheer size and complexity of the proposed modifications have proven difficult for TFI to develop meaningful comments that could help EPA in promulgating their final rule. We are requesting a minimum of a 60-day extension.

Please contact me at (202) 515-2721, or by email at rgiesenschlag@tfi.org with any questions regarding TFI's request. Thanks in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Reagan Giesenschlag
Manager, Government Affairs

¹ TFI represents the nation's fertilizer industry, including producers, importers, retailers, wholesalers and companies that are engaged in all aspects of the fertilizer supply chain. Fertilizer is a key ingredient in feeding a growing global population, which is expected to surpass 9.5 billion people by 2050. Half of all food grown around the world today is made possible through the use of fertilizer. The U.S. fertilizer industry generates more than \$130 billion in economic benefit and provides more than 104,000 direct jobs and 383,000 indirect jobs for a total of more than 487,000 U.S. jobs.