The Director of the Environmental Protection Agency’s Office of Transportation and Air Quality, Christopher Grundler, signed the following Notice on December 20, 2016 and we are submitting it for publication in the Federal Register. While we have taken steps to ensure the accuracy of this Internet version of the notice, it is not the official version. Please refer to the official version in a forthcoming Federal Register publication, which will appear on the Government Printing Office’s FDSys website (www.gpo.gov/fdsys/search/home.action) and on Regulations.gov (http://www.regulations.gov) in Docket No. EPA–HQ–OAR–2016-0041. Once the official version of this document is published in the Federal Register, this version will be removed from the Internet and replaced with a link to the official version.

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Renewables Enhancement and Growth Support Rule; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: On November 16, 2016, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed the Renewables Enhancement and Growth Support (REGS) rule. The proposal specified that the public comment period would end on January 17, 2017–60 days after publication of the notice in the Federal Register. On December 9, 2016, the EPA received a joint request for an extension of the comment period from the following parties: American Soybean Association, Corn Refiners Association, Global Renewable Strategies and Consulting, LLC, Growth Energy, Iowa Biodiesel Board, Iowa Renewable Fuels Association, National Biodiesel Board, National Renderers Association, Renewable Fuels Association, and U.S. Canola Association. The petitioners requested an extension in order to have more time to evaluate the implications of the REGS rule. In light of the large number of revisions proposed in this action, the EPA is extending the deadline for written comments on the proposal by 30 days to February 16, 2017.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 16, 2017.
ADDRESSES: Submit your comments on the proposed REGS rule, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2016-0041, at http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or withdrawn from Regulations.gov. The EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (i.e., on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit http://www2.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EPA proposal noted above was published on November 16, 2016, at 81 FR 80828. For the reasons noted above, the public comment period will now end on February 16, 2017.
This document is a prepublication version, signed by the Environmental Protection Agency’s Director of the Office of Transportation and Air Quality, Christopher Grundler, on December 20, 2016. We have taken steps to ensure the accuracy of this version, but it is not the official version.

Dated:

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Christopher Grundler,

Director, Office of Transportation and Air Quality