



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF THE  
ADMINISTRATOR

September 24, 2018

The Honorable Paul R. LePage  
Governor of Maine  
State of Maine, Office of the Governor  
1 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Governor LePage:

Thank you for your letter of August 27, 2018, to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency accompanying Maine's submission of the petition to remove portions of the state of Maine from the Ozone Transport Region under the authority of section 176A(a)(2) of the Clean Air Act.

Please know that we will expeditiously consider Maine's section 176(a)(2) petition. The EPA intends to undertake a notice-and-comment rulemaking to address the petition and re-evaluate the inclusion of this portion of Maine in the Ozone Transport Region. I am committed to working constructively with you and other stakeholders as we undertake this process.

Again, thank you for your letter and petition. If you have further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or your staff may contact Preston Cory, Director of Intergovernmental Relations, at [Cory.Preston@epa.gov](mailto:Cory.Preston@epa.gov) or (202) 564-0846.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew R. Wheeler".

Andrew R. Wheeler  
Acting Administrator

