



Conservation Voters
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Paula Wilson
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Re: DEQ Docket No. 58-0101-1601

Dear Ms. Wilson,

In an effort to find compromise, which would be the best outcome of the current rule making, we support the concept of a tiered approach (EPA 7-13-16 comment) as discussed in the meeting on July 20th. This approach would allow for additional flexibility in the program while protecting public health.

CVI also supports the approach of loosening of ozone standards and tightening of PM_{2.5} standards. The proposal we support is 90% for ozone and 60% for PM_{2.5}. While we are open to the percentages being adjusted, any loosening of ozone must correlate to a tightening of PM_{2.5}.

We urge DEQ to move forward with an approach that prioritizes the protection of public health while improving the Crop Residue Burning Program in adjusting the burn criteria.

I believe our recommendation is a balanced approach that is considerate of all interests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Courtney E. Washburn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Courtney E. Washburn
Executive Director