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The Honorable Andrew Wheeler
Acting Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Acting Administrator Wheeler,

I write to express my concern over the continued lack of a complete answer from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to letters sent on January 18, January 19, and April 3, 2018. While these letters were sent to the previous administrator, there are still pending questions on which I would appreciate a full response.


In the EPA response to the letter dated April 3, 2018, concerning the mid-term evaluation on light-duty vehicle greenhouse gas emissions standards, several requests were ignored or incompletely answered and two were answered by pointing to a Freedom of Information Act search that failed to cover the requested time frame.

Even more alarming, 83 questions from two letters sent in mid-January have received no response from the EPA. These unanswered questions cover important topics like the Superfund program, the implementation of the updated Toxic Substances Control Act, the EPA's enforcement activity record, mining regulations, and clean air policies, among others. It has been more than six months since these letters were sent, and answers are long overdue.

While I understand and appreciate that you have reemphasized the importance of a transparent and responsive EPA under your leadership, including during today's Environment and Public Works Committee hearing, I urge you to work expeditiously with your staff to review these letters and prioritize their complete and rapid response.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Avenel Joseph on my staff at 202-224-2742. I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Edward J. Markey
United States Senator