



MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

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Dear Colleagues,

Today, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its decision in *West Virginia v. EPA*, a case involving EPA's regulation of greenhouse gas emissions from electric power plants under section 111 of the Clean Air Act. We are reviewing the decision and assessing how it will impact our work going forward.

As a public health agency, EPA's number one responsibility is to protect people's health, especially those who are on the front lines of environmental pollution. Make no mistake: we will never waver from that responsibility.

While I am deeply disappointed by the Supreme Court's decision, we are committed to using the full scope of EPA's authorities to protect communities and reduce the pollution that is driving climate change. We will move forward to provide certainty and transparency for the energy sector, which will support the industry's ongoing efforts to grow our clean energy economy.

At this moment, when the impacts of the climate crisis are becoming ever more disruptive, costing billions of dollars every year from floods, wildfires, droughts and sea level rise, and jeopardizing the safety of millions of Americans, the Court's ruling is disheartening.

Ambitious climate action presents a singular opportunity to ensure U.S. global competitiveness, create jobs, lower costs for families, and protect people's health and wellbeing, especially those who've long suffered the burden of inaction. EPA will move forward with lawfully setting and implementing environmental standards that meet our obligation to protect all people and all communities from environmental harm.

Our strong EPA team, led by the Office of Air and Radiation, is ready to move forward. I know we have the best and the brightest working to put out smart, effective and sensible Clean Air Act rules to protect people and the planet. We couldn't be in better hands.

I also want to thank our colleagues in the Office of General Counsel. They put a lot of hours and a lot of heart into this case. To the OGC team – I am grateful for your work, your commitment, and your fortitude.

Let there be no uncertainty here, EPA will move forward every single day to deliver on our mission to protect human health and the environment.

Let's go.

Michael S. Regan
Administrator