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The Honorable Gina McCarthy
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

I write to request that you visit Northwest Colorado and meet with some of our communities regarding the Clean Power Plan. Residents in Colorado are seeing many changes on the ground and their experiences could inform your process. I greatly appreciate that Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 8 Administrator, Shaun McGrath, visited Northwest Colorado and toured Craig Station power plant last fall. As the release of the final Clean Power Plan approaches, the residents of Moffat County would welcome the opportunity to meet with you.

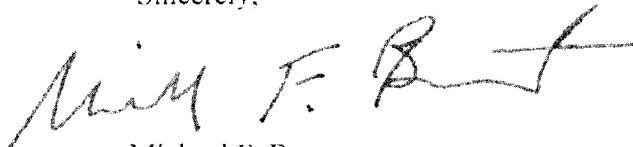
In early July, Moffat County Commissioner John Kinkaid came to Washington, D.C. to meet with representatives from the White House Office of Management and Budget, the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, and the EPA. Commissioner Kinkaid described his constituents' concerns with the confluence of upcoming Federal regulations affecting Moffat County. The area is additionally facing the potential closure of the Colowyo Coal Mine if the Office of Surface Mining cannot address deficiencies in its environmental review process within the next two months. This mine employs more than 200 people in Moffat County and supports the local economy.

I strongly support efforts to reduce carbon pollution and commend the Administration for taking crucial steps to do so through the Clean Power Plan proposal. Colorado is well positioned and on track to meet the emissions targets in the draft plan. It is also important to me that all voices are heard in this process and that regulations are workable in all of Colorado's communities.

It is my hope that you can use this opportunity to come to Northwest Colorado to meet with the residents of Moffat County and discuss their concerns firsthand.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Michael F. Bennet
U.S. Senator