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Clerk of the Court United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit E. Barrett Prettyman U.S. Courthouse 333 Constitution Ave., NW Washington, DC 20001

Re: Air Alliance Houston, et al. v. EPA, et al., Nos. 17-1155 and 17-1181.

To the Clerk of the Court:

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 28(j), Respondents United States Environmental Protection Agency and Scott Pruitt, Administrator (EPA) are writing to notify the Court that today the Administrator signed a proposed rule reconsidering the Risk Management Program Amendments. The proposed rule is posted on EPA's website at https://www.epa.gov/rmp/proposed-risk-managementprogram-rmp-reconsideration-rule, and will be published in the Federal Register.

As discussed in EPA's brief and at argument, EPA promulgated the Delay Rule at issue in this case in order to give the Agency time to reconsider the Risk Management Program Amendments, especially certain emergency response coordination requirements that raised security concerns. *See* EPA Br. 11-12, 13-14, 47-48, 50-52 (discussing security concerns). The proposed rule addresses and seeks comment on those and other issues. Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of the foregoing was served on all counsel of record by the Court's ECF system on May 17, 2018.

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