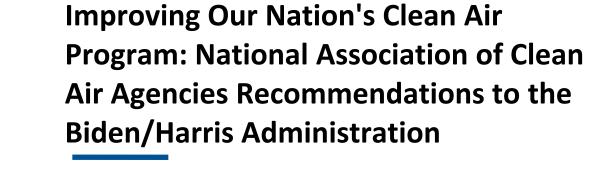
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The National Association of Clean Air Agencies ("NACAA") issued a January 15th position paper titled:

Improving Our Nation's Clean Air Program: Recommendations from the National Association of Clean Air Agencies to President-Elect Biden's and Vice President-Elect Harris' Administration ("Position Paper")

The *Position Paper* offers recommendations for consideration for what it describes as "key issues associated with our nation's clean air and climate programs."

The NACAA describes itself as the:

... national, non-partisan, nonprofit association of 153 air pollution control agencies in 41 states, including 115 local air agencies, the District of Columbia, and four territories.

By way of introduction, the *Position Paper* notes that the Clean Air Act provides state and local governments the primary role in preventing and addressing air emissions. Nevertheless, the organization states it views itself as a partner in EPA's efforts to address what it describes as seven priority recommendations, which include:

- 1. Center Environmental Justice
- 2. Respect State and Local Authorities as a Pillar of the Clean Air Act
- 3. Ensure Scientific and Technical Integrity for Core EPA Actions
- 4. Advance New EPA Programs to Protect Public Health and the Environment and Address Climate Change
- 5. Reset Permitting and Enforcement Priorities to Emphasize Public Health and Equity
- 6. Improve Technical Assistance to State and Local Air Agencies
- 7. Address the Urgent Need for Significant Increases in Federal Funding

A copy of the Position Paper can be downloaded <u>here</u>.