



**UPA Applauds the EPA's Proposal to Approve the Second Extension to the Attainment Date for Ozone in the Uinta Basin.**

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Utah Petroleum Association (UPA) applauds the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposal to approve the second extension to the attainment date for ozone in the Uinta Basin. This proposal recognizes the steady and consistent improvement in air quality in the basin due to new regulations and voluntary actions taken by the oil and gas industry.

One such voluntary effort is Latch the Hatch, a program that began as an effort to ensure closure of thief hatches on tanks, but that has grown to include actions like flyovers, equipment replacement and upgrades, and more. UPA and its members remain dedicated to positive environmental outcomes while delivering the energy that powers our daily lives.

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