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**To "Rosalina Rodriguez"
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Subject Fw: Amazingly, we have a final ozone rule. THANK YOU!

I meant to send this to you too. Now if we can just get the RIA out tomorrow.

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Subject: Amazingly, we have a final ozone rule. THANK YOU!

I want to thank all of you for your incredibly hard work on the final ozone rule. I always knew it would be difficult, I always knew that we would finish it on time because of the outstanding team which was been working on the rule for many years, but there is no way I could have predicted just how challenging it was going to be to get the rule completed. The twists and turns of the last several days have certainly added drama to the process but demonstrated yet again the enormous strength and commitment of the team to responding in a thoroughly professional way to every request, even when they come at most inconvenient times, like 7 PM the the night before the rule is to be signed. I truly can't thank you all enough for your dedication to protecting public health and the environment, your willingness to respond to each new request for more information, and your steadfast commitment to articulating fully and cogently the complex science and policy issues that must be considered in protecting public health and welfare from ozone. While I was quite disappointed that we did not succeed in promulgating a W126 standard, we certainly had the full support of the Administrator in our effort. I very much hope and expect that the next review will lead to a cumulative, seasonal standard ozone secondary standard.

Meanwhile, try to focus on all that has been achieved. The Agency really has promulgated a significantly more protective primary and secondary standard, something that many of us thought might not be possible. So, please, after the weariness and frustration have worn off, take great pride in your achievement. There are few people at EPA who have accomplished so much.

Lydia