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Secretary

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Mr. Donald S. Welsh Regional Administrator U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III Mail Code 3RA00 1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

Dear Mr. Welsh:

Enclosed for your approval is a revision to Pennsylvania's State Implementation Plan (SIP) concerning amendments to the Pennsylvania Clean Vehicles (PCV) Program. The submittal includes three copies of a final rulemaking that amends 25 *Pa. Code* Chapter 121 and Chapter 126, Subchapter D (relating to the PCV program). The original PCV program requirements incorporated by reference certain provisions of the California Low Emissions Vehicle (CA LEV) program. The newly promulgated PCV regulation postpones the current model year (MY) 2006 compliance date to MY 2008 and updates program-related definitions contained in Chapter 121. The final rulemaking also clarifies the PCV program requirements and specifies a transition mechanism for compliance with the program. These requirements are one of the Pennsylvania measures to achieve and maintain the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone.

This SIP submission includes the final rulemaking published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on December 9, 2006 (36 Pa. B. 7424), documentation of the public participation process including proof of public notice, the Department of Environmental Protection's comment and response document, and as requested by your staff, documentation of the methodology used to estimate the air quality benefits attributable to the PCV program and an estimate of those statewide air quality benefits.

Should you have any questions regarding this SIP revision, please contact Joyce E. Epps, Director, Bureau of Air Quality, by e-mail at jeepps@state.pa.us or by telephone at 717-787-9702.

Sincerely

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