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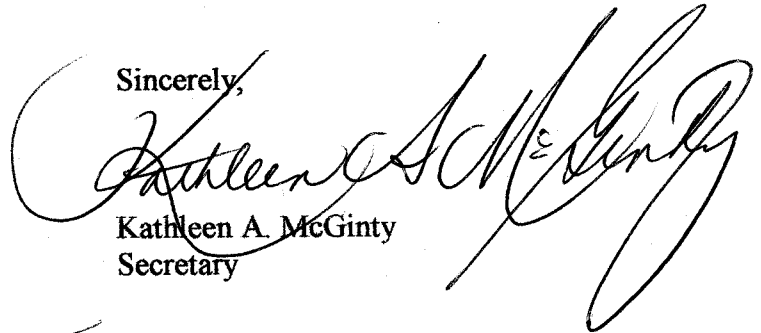
Mr. Donald S. Welsh
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region III
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

Dear Mr. Welsh:

On April 30, 2004, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) promulgated non-attainment designations and classifications for the eight-hour ozone national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS). 69 Fed. Reg. 23858. These designations and classifications were effective on June 15, 2004. Pennsylvania is formally requesting that EPA reclassify Lancaster County, currently a "moderate" eight-hour ozone non-attainment area, to a "marginal" eight-hour ozone non-attainment area in accordance with Section 181 (a)(4) of the 1990 Amendments of the Clean Air Act (CAA). 42 U.S.C. § 7511(a)(4). We have attached a report for your consideration supporting this reclassification.

Should you have questions regarding this submission, 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,



Kathleen A. McGinty
Secretary

Enclosure

