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Dear Mr. Welsh:

I have enclosed for your full approval a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision in order to meet the requirements of Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) set forth by the Clean Air Act (CAA). The CAA requires that states achieve the health-based 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) by specified dates, based on the severity of an area’s air quality problem. Furthermore, EPA’s Final Rule to Implement the 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS (70 FR 71612, November 29, 2005) states that areas classified as “moderate” nonattainment for ozone must submit a demonstration that their existing rules fulfill the 8-hour ozone RACT requirements. For the purposes of regulating stationary sources, the entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is considered a “moderate” ozone nonattainment area for the federal 8-hour ozone NAAQS because it is in the Ozone Transport Region established under Section 184 of the CAA. This SIP revision is submitted under Section 110 of the CAA. The Department is certifying through this SIP revision that Pennsylvania’s existing federally-approved SIP meets the CAA RACT requirements under the 8-hour ozone NAAQS.

The Commonwealth’s public participation process for this SIP revision has been completed. During the public comment period, four public hearings were held in the following cities and dates:

Pittsburgh, September 11, 2006  
Harrisburg, September 12, 2006  
Norristown, September 13, 2006  
Harrisburg, September 15, 2006

The written comment period closed on September 15, 2006. The following documents are enclosed for your review and approval:

1. RACT SIP revision document
2. Certification of public participation activities
3. Comment/Response document
Mr. Donald S. Welsh

September 25, 2006

Should you have any questions concerning the requested SIP revision, Joyce E. Epps, Director, Bureau of Air Quality can be reached by e-mail at jeepps@state.pa.us or by telephone at 717-787-9702.

Sincerely,

Kathleen A. McGinly
Secretary

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