## State Implementation Plan Revision Greene County Redesignation Request, Maintenance Plan and 2002 Base Year Inventory

## COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

The public comment period began on November 18, 2006 and closed on December 22, 2006. A public hearing was held on December 19, 2006.

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## **COMMENTS:**

1. **COMMENT:** Controls on the existing power plants are inadequate to protect local public health in the county.

**RESPONSE:** The Hatfield plant is proposing to install modern sulfur dioxide emission controls by 2010. On a plant of that size, it costs several hundreds of millions of dollars and several years to build the controls. It and all other plants in the state as well as upwind states are also required to dramatically reduce their pollution by 2010 to comply with the Clean Air Interstate Rule. Many of them are in the process of installing controls that are predicted to lower pollution levels considerably.

2. **COMMENT:** Proposed powerplants will add to the overall pollution levels in Greene County which will affect local public health.

**RESPONSE:** New plants cannot be built unless they demonstrate that their emissions will not degrade air quality. The Nemacolin plant will provide air quality modeling and other information that can be reviewed and questioned during the public approval process. If there is a problem, the plant owners will either have to put on better controls or will not be allowed to build the plant.

NOTE: The Department has made minor corrections to the inventory summaries in both the redesignation request and maintenance plans and has rounded to the nearest one/tenth of a ton. In addition, a minor update was made to the nonroad source inventories in Appendix D.