

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

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Secretary

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

Dear Mr. Welsh:

Enclosed for your approval is a revision to the Pennsylvania State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the Philadelphia Ozone Nonattainment Area.

This revision demonstrates that the area meets its "rate of progress" requirements using updated highway emission estimates with MOBILE6. Once approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), it would ensure that the transportation conformity budgets in the SIP are consistent with those in the already approved attainment plan.

The Commonwealth submitted the proposed SIP revision to EPA for parallel processing on January 5. The Commonwealth conducted a 30-day public comment period, including a public hearing on January 29, which closed on January 30. No comments were received either orally or in writing.

Should you have questions regarding this submission, please contact Joyce E. Epps, Director, Bureau of Air Quality, by phone at 717-787-9702 or by e-mail at jepps@state.pa.us.

Sincerely,

Kathleen A. McGk

Secretary

Enclosure