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Secretary

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Mr. Shawn M. Garvin Regional Administrator U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III 1650 Arch Street (Mail Code: 3RA00) Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

Dear Mr. Garvin:

In accordance with Sections 169A and 169B of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7491 and 7492, enclosed for your approval is a revision to Pennsylvania's State Implementation Plan (SIP) that addresses Regional Haze in mandatory Class I areas (i.e., National Parks and Wilderness Areas). The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Regional Haze Rule calls for States to establish goals and strategies for improving visibility in all of the country's 156 Class I national parks and wilderness areas. In 40 CFR §§ 51.308 and 51.309, the EPA requires all states to revise their SIPs to reduce emissions of sulfur dioxide, oxides of nitrogen, and particulate matter (especially fine particulate matter) that contribute to regional haze and affect Class I areas. This SIP revision demonstrates how the Commonwealth's emission control strategies, when coordinated with other state and tribes' strategies, are sufficient to meet or exceed the reasonable progress goals for affected Class I areas and improve visibility.

The Regional Haze SIP revision submittal includes two hard copies and one compact disk of the SIP revision and documentation of the public participation process, including proof of public notice. The SIP revision also includes an Order issued by the Allegheny County Health Department in 2008 to the Eastman Chemical Company, on which the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) expressly sought public comment to ensure its federal enforceability. The Order, which memorializes the company's decision to retire volatile organic storage tanks 17, 18, 61, and 63, directs the company "immediately and permanently" to render the tanks unusable for the storage of volatile organic compounds, bringing the plant's potential to emit below the threshold for BART applicability.

DEP did not receive any comments on the proposed Regional Haze SIP revision during the public comment period; therefore, a Comment and Response Document is not included in the SIP revision submittal. DEP received comments from the Federal Land Managers (FLM) during their 60-day review of the draft proposed SIP revision, prior to the public comment period on the proposed SIP revision, in accordance with section 169A(d) of the CAA, 42 USC § 7491(d). The Regional Haze SIP revision submittal includes a description of how the Commonwealth addressed the FLMs' comments.

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,

John Hanger

Secretary

Enclosures