



June 22, 2023

Mr. Adam Ortiz
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III
1600 John F. Kennedy Boulevard (Mail Code: 3RA00)
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2852

Dear Mr. Ortiz:

This letter is in response to your February 22, 2023 letter proposing the redesignation of certain portions of Cambria and Westmoreland Counties to nonattainment for the 2010 1-hour sulfur dioxide (SO₂) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) pursuant to section 107 of the federal Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7407. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has reviewed the Technical Support Document (TSD) enclosed with the redesignation letter and has identified several issues which DEP believes should be reviewed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency prior to publication of the proposed redesignation for public comment. These issues pertain to modeling inputs for complex terrain, background SO₂ levels, emission data and stack height (See Attachment A).

Should you have questions or need additional information, please contact Mark Hammond, Director, Bureau of Air Quality, by e-mail at mahammond@pa.gov or by telephone at 717.787.9702.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Negrin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Richard Negrin
Acting Secretary

cc: Mark Hammond, Director, Bureau of Air Quality
Ali Tarquino-Morris, Deputy Secretary, Office of Waste, Air, Radiation & Remediation

Enclosure