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Mr. Patrick McDonnell, Secretary
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
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P.O. Box 2063
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Dear Secretary McDonnell:

By letter and enclosures dated November 20, 2017, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) submitted to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) an annual ambient air monitoring network plan in accordance with the regulatory requirements of 40 CFR Part 58 - Standards for Ambient Air Quality Surveillance. Based on our EPA hereby approves PADEP's November 20, 2017 annual ambient air monitoring network plan.

Additionally, 40 CFR Section 58.11(c) requires any changes to the air monitoring network or design of the following air monitoring systems be approved by the EPA Administrator:

- a) Particulate Matter Speciation Trends Network (STN)
- b) The National Core Monitoring Network (NCore)

EPA determined that PADEP's November 20, 2017 annual ambient air monitoring network plan does require approval from the EPA Administrator because there was a request to discontinue PM_{2.5} speciation monitoring at either Chester (AQS ID 42-045-0002) or Marcus Hook (AQS ID 42-045-0109) and add PM_{2.5} speciation monitoring at Lebanon (AQS ID 42-075-0100). A copy of this letter and PADEP's ambient air monitoring network plan have been forwarded to EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS) for determination of final approval.

For questions regarding this approval action, your staff may contact Ms. Cristina Fernandez, Director, Air Protection Division, at (215) 814-2178.

Sincerely,

Cosmo Servidio
Regional Administrator



