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Secretary 717-787-2814

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

Dear Mr. Wisniewski:

Pursuant to Section 107 of the Clean Air Act (CAA), enclosed are the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's designation recommendations pertinent to the 2008 eight-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone, 75 parts per billion. The recommended geographical boundaries for eight-hour ozone attainment and nonattainment areas within our borders were determined in accordance with the guidance set forth in the Robert Myers' memorandum (dated December 4, 2008) pertaining to the "Area Designations for the 2008 Revised Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards."

Prior to finalizing the Commonwealth's eight-hour ozone designation recommendations, public meetings on the proposed recommendations were held in Harrisburg, Pittsburgh, and Norristown on March 3 and 4, 2009.

We understand that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will provide notice of any modifications to our eight-hour ozone designation recommendations at least 120 days prior to issuing final designations. We fully intend to take advantage of the opportunities prescribed under the CAA to comment on any proposed modifications to our recommendations. We look forward to collaborating with your staff during the development of final eight-hour ozone designations for this Commonwealth.

Thank you in advance for your favorable consideration of our eight-hour ozone designation recommendations. Should you have any questions or need additional information during the ozone designation process, please contact Joyce E. Epps, Director of the Bureau of Air Quality, by e-mail at jeepps@state.pa.us or by telephone at 717-787-9702.

Sincerely,

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