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Secretary

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Mr. Donald S. Welsh
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Dear Mr. Welsh:

Pursuant to Section 107 of the Clean Air Act (CAA), enclosed are the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's designation recommendations pertinent to the revised 24-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standard for particulate matter less than 2.5 micrometers in diameter (herein after 24-hour PM_{2.5}), 35 micrograms per cubic meter. The recommended geographical boundaries for 24-hour PM_{2.5} attainment and nonattainment areas within our borders were determined in accordance with the guidance set forth in the Robert Myers' memorandum (dated June 8, 2007) pertaining to the "Area Designations for the Revised 24-Hour Fine Particle National Ambient Air Quality Standard."

Prior to finalizing the Commonwealth's 24-hour PM_{2.5} designation recommendations, public meetings on the proposed recommendations were held in Harrisburg, Pittsburgh, and Norristown on November 26, 27 and 28, 2007, respectively. A Comment/Response document addressing the comments received is also enclosed for your information.

We understand that EPA will provide notice of any modifications to our 24-hour PM_{2.5} 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. I should also mention that we look forward to collaborating with your staff during the development of final 24-hour PM_{2.5} designations for this Commonwealth.

Thank you in advance for your favorable consideration of our 24-hour PM_{2.5} designation recommendations. Should you have any questions or need additional information during the 24-hour PM_{2.5} designation process, 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,

Kathleen A. McGinty
Secretary

Enclosures

