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

I am writing to withdraw portions of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submittal of November 10, 2009. The SIP revision addresses the 1997 fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for the Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley Nonattainment Area, which is comprised of the following counties: Allegheny (outside of the Liberty-Clairton nonattainment area), Armstrong (partial), Beaver, Butler, Greene (partial), Lawrence (partial) Washington and Westmoreland counties.

The November 10, 2009, SIP revision consists of 2002 base year inventories for point, area, mobile and nonroad sources; the reasonable further progress (RFP) plan; reasonably available control measures (RACM); transportation conformity motor vehicle emission budgets; the attainment demonstration; and contingency measures for the area. This letter withdraws all portions of the SIP revision except for those that pertain to the 2002 base year inventory, which are found in the following parts of the submittal:

- Section III (Emission Inventories)
- Appendix B (Stationary Point Sources)
- Appendix C (Stationary Area Sources)
- Appendix E (Highway Vehicle Sources)
- Appendix F (Nonroad Sources)

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Since Pennsylvania is withdrawing all portions of the November 10, 2009, SIP submittal except those pertaining to the 2002 base year inventory, those portions of the November 10, 2009, SIP that do not pertain to the 2002 base year inventory are no longer pending before EPA.

On October 12, 2012, EPA published a determination of attainment for the Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley Area effective upon publication in the *Federal Register* (77 FR 62147). The EPA's determination of attainment suspends the requirements for the Commonwealth to submit an attainment demonstration and associated RACM, an RFP plan, contingency measures, and other planning SIP revisions related to the attainment of the standard for the Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley Area for so long as the area continues to attain the 1997 annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS.

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The Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley Area continues to attain and maintain the 1997 PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS, based on certified air quality monitoring data from 2009-2011. Therefore, approval of the elements of the SIP revision pending before the EPA other than the 2002 base year inventory is no longer necessary. We look forward to your approval of the 2002 base year inventory.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Joyce E. Epps, Director, Bureau of Air Quality, by e-mail at [jeepps@pa.gov](mailto:jeepps@pa.gov) or by telephone at 717.787.9702.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael L. Krancer", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Michael L. Krancer  
Secretary