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Mr. Donald S. Welsh  
Regional Administrator  
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Dear Mr. Welsh:

In June 2004, nonattainment designations were effective for eight-hour ozone nonattainment areas including the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton Area, Pennsylvania. This area is now monitoring attainment of the health-based ozone standard. Therefore, in accordance with the authority provided by Section 107(d)(3)(D) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C.A. §7407(D)(3)(d)), I am requesting your approval of a request to redesignate the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton Area to attainment of the eight-hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard.

The redesignation request and a technical support document are enclosed for your favorable consideration. We are also concurrently submitting an eight-hour ozone Maintenance Plan for the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton Area for your full approval as a revision to the State Implementation Plan. The technical support document also includes the 2002 base-year inventory.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Joyce E. Epps, Director of the Bureau of Air Quality, by e-mail at [jeepps@state.pa.us](mailto:jeepps@state.pa.us) or by telephone at 717-787-9702.

Sincerely,

Kathleen A. McGinty  
Secretary

Enclosures