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Mr. Donald S. Welsh
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Dear Mr. Welsh:

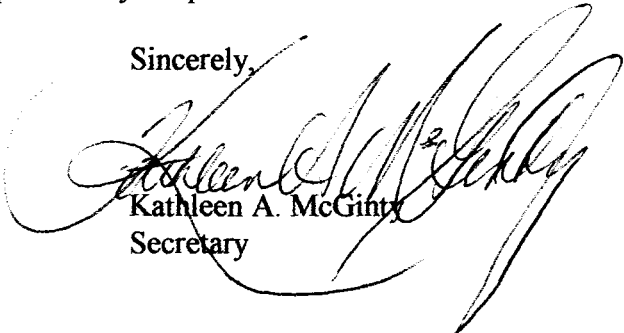
Reading (Berks County), Pennsylvania, is monitoring attainment of the eight-hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard. Therefore, I have enclosed for your full approval a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision pertaining to the Maintenance Plan and Base-Year Inventory for the Eight-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area in Reading. The Maintenance Plan is designed to reduce ozone-precursor emissions of volatile organic compounds and nitrogen oxides to ensure maintenance of the eight-hour ozone standard in the area through the year 2018. The Plan also specifies that Pennsylvania will submit a second ten-year plan to the United States Environmental Protection Agency within eight years after the redesignation process has been completed, as required by Section 175A(b) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C.A. §7505a(b)).

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's public participation process for this SIP revision has been completed. During the public comment period, a public hearing was held in Reading on December 19, 2006, and the written comment period closed on December 22, 2006. The following documents are enclosed for your review and approval:

1. Maintenance Plan, which includes the mobile emissions budget for purposes of transportation conformity;
2. Certification of public participation activities;
3. Technical support document, which includes the 2002 base year inventory;
4. Comment/response document.

It should be noted that we are concurrently submitting a request to redesignate the Reading area to attainment for the eight-hour ozone standard. Should you have any questions concerning the requested SIP revision, please contact Joyce E. Epps, Director, Bureau of Air Quality, by email at jeepps@state.pa.us or by telephone at 717-787-9702.

Sincerely,


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Enclosures

