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Mr. Donald S. Welsh  
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Dear Mr. Welsh:

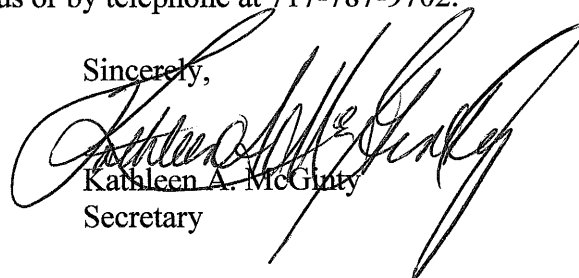
Blair County, Pennsylvania, is monitoring attainment of the eight-hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard. Therefore, I have enclosed for your full approval a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision pertaining to the Maintenance Plan and Base-Year Inventory for the Eight-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area in Blair County. 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 Blair County through the year 2018. The Plan also specifies that Pennsylvania will submit a second 10-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 Hollidaysburg on January 23, 2007 and the written comment period closed on January 26, 2007. No comment was received on this plan, so a comment/response document was not prepared. 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.

It should be noted that we are concurrently submitting a request to redesignate the Blair County 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 e-mail at [jeepps@state.pa.us](mailto:jeepps@state.pa.us) or by telephone at 717-787-9702.

Sincerely,



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Dear Mr. Welsh:

In June 2004, nonattainment designations were effective for eight-hour ozone nonattainment areas including Blair County, 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 Blair County 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 Blair County 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 or need additional information, please contact Joyce E. Epps, Director, Bureau of Air Quality, by e-mail at [jeepps@state.pa.us](mailto:jeepps@state.pa.us) or by telephone at 717-787-9702.

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