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Secretary

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Mr. Donald Welsh
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Dear Mr. Welsh:

I have enclosed for your approval a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision pertaining to the sub-area motor vehicle emission budgets (MVEBs) for the Clearfield/Indiana Eight-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) submitted a SIP revision to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on June 14, 2007, establishing MVEBs for the two counties as a whole. However, given the multi-jurisdictional nature of the area, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) has requested separate sub-area budgets to allow each of the planning organizations to move their transportation conformity determinations through the approval processes separately.

This SIP revision also addresses the methodology used by DEP to predict future emissions from stationary point sources. DEP reevaluated the methodology and found that the methodology used in the SIP revision submitted June 14, 2007, over-estimated future NOx emissions from electric generating units (EGUs). An alternate methodology is presented in the Appendix A attachment in this package.

This submittal includes a SIP revision containing separate sub-area MVEBs for each of the metropolitan/regional planning organizations in the Clearfield/Indiana area. The SIP revision also includes an explanation of why the methodology was changed and Appendix A, describing the methodology that will be used to predict future emissions from EGUs. In addition, certification of public participation activities is enclosed. During the public comment period, a public hearing was scheduled to be held at the Indiana County Courthouse Building in Indiana, PA on April 23, 2008. However, the public hearing was cancelled in accordance with 49 CFR § 51.102(a), when no requests to provide oral testimony were received. The comment period closed on April 25, 2008; no written comments were received on the proposed SIP revision prior to the close of the public comment period.



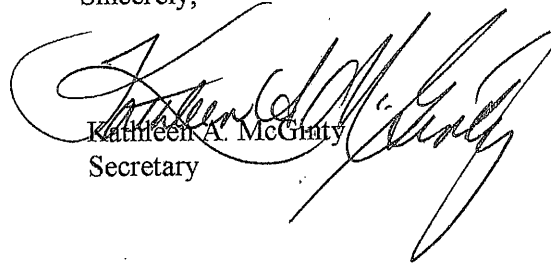
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Should you have any questions concerning the requested SIP revision, please contact Joyce E. Epps, Director, Bureau of Air Quality, by e-mail at jeepps@state.pa.us or by telephone at 717-787-9702.

Sincerely,



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Secretary

Enclosures