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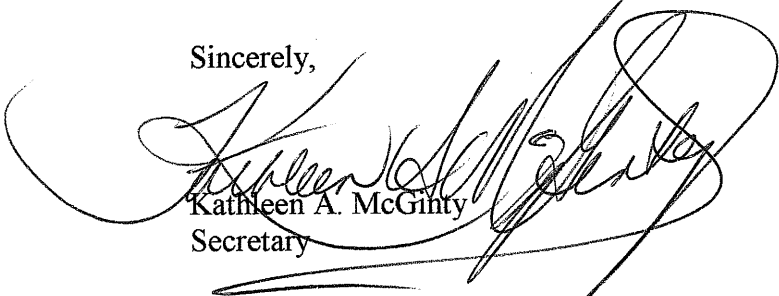
Dear Mr. Welsh:

In June 2004, nonattainment designations were effective for eight-hour ozone nonattainment areas including Mercer County, Pennsylvania in the Youngstown-Warren-Sharon, OH-PA area. 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 Mercer 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 Mercer 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 or by telephone at 717-787-9702.

Sincerely,


Kathleen A. McGinty
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Enclosures

