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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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May 24, 2012

Mr. Shawn M. Garvin
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III
1650 Arch Street, (Mail Code: 3RA00)
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

Dear Mr. Garvin:

I am writing to officially withdraw the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's 1997 8-hour ozone attainment demonstration submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as an element of the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision for the Pennsylvania portion of the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-MD-DE 8-hour ozone "moderate" nonattainment area (Philadelphia Area) on August 29, 2007. Additionally, I am requesting that EPA expedite the approval of the 2009 transportation conformity motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEBs) included in the same SIP revision submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the 1997 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS).

The August 2007 SIP revision pertaining to the implementation of the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS includes the attainment demonstration, reasonable further progress (RFP) plan, reasonably available control measures (RACM), transportation conformity MVEBs and contingency measures for the Pennsylvania portion (Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties) of the multistate moderate 8-hour ozone nonattainment area. However, on May 8, 2009, EPA subsequently proposed disapproval of the attainment demonstrations for Pennsylvania and the other states in the PA-NJ-MD-DE ozone nonattainment area. (74 Fed. Reg. 21604). On February 7, 2011, EPA approved the other portions of Pennsylvania's 2007 SIP revision, with the exception of the 2009 MVEBs, on which it took no action. (76 Fed. Reg. 6559). The attainment date for this area was June 15, 2011, including the one-year extension granted by EPA in January 2011. (76 Fed. Reg. 3840).

As you may be aware, the Philadelphia Area continues to attain and maintain the 1997 ozone NAAQS, based on certified air quality monitoring data from 2009-2011 showing a design value of 83 parts per billion (ppb). Therefore, approval of the attainment demonstration is no longer necessary. To this end, I am withdrawing Section VI, "Attainment Demonstration and Weight of Evidence" (WOE), pages 57-75, and Appendix H, "Modeling Demonstration" of the August 2007 SIP revision.

In addition, I am requesting that EPA approve expeditiously the 2009 transportation conformity MVEBs, as submitted by the DEP in the 2007 SIP revision. Specifically, I am requesting EPA approval of Section IV-E, pages 47-48 of the SIP submittal.

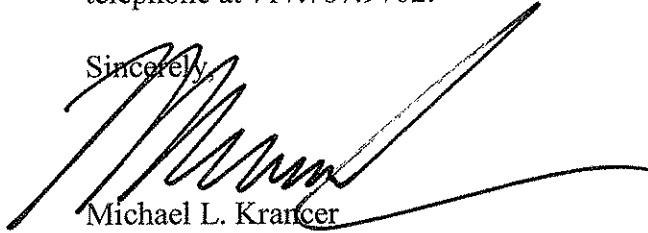
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Thank you in advance for expediting the approval of the 2009 transportation conformity MVEBs for southeastern Pennsylvania and the return of the attainment demonstration for the 1997 8-hour ozone standard to the DEP. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Joyce E. Epps, Director, Bureau of Air Quality, by e-mail at jeepps@pa.gov or by telephone at 717.787.9702.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael L. Krancer", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael L. Krancer
Secretary