

February 21, 2019

Mr. Troy Conrad  
Acting Director  
Department of Environmental Protection  
Environmental Cleanup & Brownfields  
Rachel Carson State Office Building  
400 Market Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17105

RE: Federal Opportunity Zones

Dear Mr. Conrad:

This letter is written in response to your question concerning the basis for continuation of Act 2 eligibility for sites located within Federal Opportunity Zones, Keystone Opportunity Zones, Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zones, and Keystone Opportunity Investment Zones (KOZs/KOEZs/KOIZs). The Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) believes that Act 2 site clean-up activities are vital to the redevelopment and marketability of these older strategically located industrial sites throughout the Commonwealth and the Federal Opportunity Zones and KOZs/KOEZs/KOIZs play an important role in enabling communities to attract new business investment and job creation at these sites.

For these reasons, DCED will continue the policy established in 1999 to consider all Opportunity Zones including Federal Opportunity Zones and KOZs/KOEZs/KOIZs as enterprise zones for Act 2 purposes, specifically the Special Industrial Area (SIA) designation. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Carol L. Kilko  
Deputy Secretary for Business Finance