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Ms. Susan Hedman
Regional Administrator
U.S. EPA Region 5
77 W. Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60604

**Re: PM_{2.5} Redesignation Request for the 1997 Annual and 2006 24-Hour
Standards for the Canton-Massillon Area**

Dear Administrator Hedman:

I am writing to formally request a redesignation to attainment of the Canton-Massillon area (Stark County, Ohio) with respect to the 1997 annual and 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} standards. The enclosed submittal combines the redesignation request and the required maintenance plan for this area. Ohio EPA is also requesting U.S. EPA make a clean data determination to ensure the requirement to submit an attainment demonstration SIP for the 24-hour standard will not be applicable in the event the redesignation request and maintenance plan is not approved prior to the attainment demonstration SIP submittal deadline of December 14, 2012.

Monitoring of existing air quality indicates that the 1997 and 2006 National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for PM_{2.5} has been attained throughout this area based on 2009-2011 air quality data. Emissions projections indicate that current controls, existing State rules, existing federal rules, and Ohio's PSD program will be more than sufficient to maintain the NAAQS indefinitely into the future. These programs will, therefore, constitute the attainment and maintenance plan for the Canton-Massillon area.

The enclosed information, compiled by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Transportation (Ohio DOT) and the Division of Transportation System Development-Modeling and Forecasting Section and the Stark County Area Transportation Study (SCATS) shows significant emission reductions in point and mobile sources since ambient exceedances have occurred. A significant portion of the improved air quality can be attributed to federal programs for the mobile source sector, the regional reductions associated with the NOx Trading Program, and the Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR).

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Ohio EPA notified the public of the draft and the opportunity to provide comments on April 27, 2012. This notice was also published in a newspaper of general circulation in Canton, Ohio. The public hearing for this package was held on June 6, 2012 in Magnolia, Ohio. Testimony was provided and one set of comments were received; both in support of our request.

If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Dines in our Division of Air Pollution Control at (614) 644-3696.

Sincerely,



Scott J. Nally
Director

Cc: Bob Hodanbosi, Chief, Division of Air Pollution Control, Ohio EPA

Enclosure