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Lynn Buhl
Regional Administrator
U.S. EPA, Region 5
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Chicago, Illinois 60604-3507

Re: Request for Columbus Area 1997 Eight-Hour Ozone Redesignation and Maintenance Plan Approval

Dear Administrator Buhl:

I am writing to formally request a redesignation to attainment for the Columbus, Ohio area (Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Knox, Licking and Madison Counties) with respect to the 1997 eight-hour ozone standard. The enclosed submittal combines the redesignation request and the required maintenance plan for this area.

Monitoring of existing air quality indicates that the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ozone has been attained throughout this area based on 2006-2008 air quality data. Emissions projections indicate that current controls, existing State rules, the Federal Motor Vehicle Program, the Clean Air Interstate Rule, 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 Columbus area.

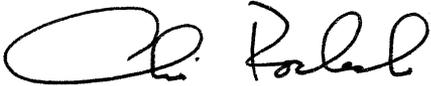
The enclosed information, compiled by Ohio EPA, Ohio DOT, and the associated planning organization, shows significant reductions in point and mobile sources since violations have occurred. A significant portion of the improved air quality can be attributed to the Federal Motor Vehicle Control Program and regional reductions associated with the NO_x Trading Program.

Ted Strickland, Governor
Lee Fisher, Lieutenant Governor
Chris Korleski, Director

The public hearing for this package was held on March 2, 2009, in Columbus, Ohio.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Korleski". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C".

Chris Korleski
Director

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cc: Bob Hodanbosi, DAPC
Jennifer Hunter, DAPC