



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

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**MAY 25 2012**

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

**Re: Redesignation Request for the 24-Hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> Standard for the Steubenville-Weirton Area**

Dear Administrator Hedman:

I am writing to formally request a redesignation to attainment of the Ohio portion of the Steubenville-Weirton, WV-OH area (Jefferson County, Ohio) with respect to the 2006 24-Hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard. The enclosed submittal combines the redesignation request and the required maintenance plan for this area.

Monitoring of existing air quality indicates that the 2006 National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for PM<sub>2.5</sub> has been attained throughout this area based on 2008-2010 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 Steubenville-Weirton area.

The enclosed information, compiled by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Transportation (Ohio DOT), the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP), and the West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT), 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 NO<sub>x</sub> Trading Program, and the Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR).

Ohio EPA notified the public of the draft and the opportunity to provide comments on April 11, 2012. This notice was also published in a newspaper of general circulation in Steubenville, Ohio. The public hearing for this package was held on May 16, 2012 in

Steubenville, Ohio. No testimony was provided at the hearing. Ohio EPA did receive one written comment from the Ohio Utility Group in support of this request.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott J. Nally". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "S" and a distinct "N".

Scott J. Nally  
Director

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

Enclosure