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Re: Request for Review and Approval of the Revised Cincinnati - Hamilton Area Maintenance Plan Approval for the 1997 Eight-Hour Ozone Standard

Dear Administrator Hedman:

I am writing to formally request review and approval of a revision to the maintenance plan for the Ohio portion of the Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-IN-KY area (Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton and Warren Counties in Ohio; Dearborn Township in Indiana; and Boone, Campbell, and Kenton Counties in Kentucky) with respect to the 1997 eight-hour ozone standard. On December 14, 2009, Ohio EPA formally submitted a request for redesignation and maintenance plan for the Cincinnati-Hamilton Area for the 1997 eight-hour ozone standard. This request was granted by USEPA on May 11, 2010, effective upon publication in the Federal Register (FR 26118).

Ohio EPA has elected to amend the NOx emission inventory for Butler County, Ohio to incorporate the total emission reduction credits available and used to offset the allowed emissions for a major source, Middletown Coke Company, modified within the maintenance area that will begin operating within the maintenance period. Although it is not a requirement to amend maintenance plans for new sources that will begin operating in the future, Ohio EPA is choosing to be proactive to more accurately project actual air emissions in the future. A total of 479.57 tons per year were included in the Butler County NOx emissions, equating to approximately 1.31 tons per summer day. The increase was included in the NOx interim year and maintenance year emissions. The inclusion of these emissions is conservative, has little impact on the safety margin and does not prevent the Cincinnati-Hamilton area from maintaining the 1997 ozone standard.

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

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This revised submittal includes only the main document. The revisions do not affect the appendices that were submitted on December 14, 2009.

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

Sincerely,



Chris Korleski
Director

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