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Mary Gade  
Regional Administrator  
U.S. EPA, Region V  
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Re: Public hearing results for Ohio's proposed PM<sub>2.5</sub> Designation Recommendations

Dear Administrator Gade:

I am writing to provide the results of the public hearing and comment process for the proposed PM<sub>2.5</sub> designation recommendation. This submittal completes the package initially submitted on December 15, 2007. The public hearing for this package was held on January 22, 2008 in Columbus, Ohio.

Attendance at the hearing included several citizens, representatives from two environmental groups and a representative for a county commissioner's office. Enclosed is a copy of the public notices, public hearing transcript, comments and state response.

In addition, Ohio EPA is changing the proposed recommendation for Washington County from nonattainment to attainment. The monitor for this area is violating the annual standard but not the revised PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard.

Comments were received requesting that Ohio EPA change its proposed recommendation of nonattainment for Medina County to attainment due to monitoring data and low emissions. The 2004-2006 monitoring data for Medina County is incomplete and therefore cannot be used to prove attainment. In accordance with the Clean Air Act and U.S. EPA guidance, Ohio EPA considered not only the area that is violating the standard, Cuyahoga County, but also nearby areas that contribute to the violation. U.S. EPA guidance also states that the same boundaries established for implementing the annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard may also be appropriate for implementing the 24-hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS in areas where both standards are violated, such as the Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria area.

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

I ask that U.S. EPA complete their review of this package and take final action on the proposed PM<sub>2.5</sub> designation recommendations in a timely manner.

If you have any questions, please contact Carolina Prado in the Division of Air Pollution Control at (614) 644-2310.

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" and "K".

Chris Korleski  
Director

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