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Re: Public hearing results for the eight-hour ozone redesignation request for Allen, Stark and Belmont Counties.

Dear Mr. Mathur:

I am writing to provide the results of the public hearing and comment process for the Allen, Stark and Belmont County requests for redesignation with respect to the eight-hour ozone standard. This submittal completes the package initially submitted on June 20, 2006. The public hearings for these packages were held on July 25, 2006 in Lima, July 27, 2006 in Canton and July 28, 2006 in St. Clairsville, Ohio.

Attendance was minimal at all three hearings. There was media coverage in Lima. Two citizens and one township trustee attended in Canton, and one township trustee association representative attended in St. Clairsville. Two comments were received during these three hearings; one in support of the redesignation and one stating that he did not want E-Check implemented in Stark County. There were no written comments received for any of these packages. Enclosed are copies of the public notices, public hearing transcripts and the state responses.

I ask that U.S. EPA complete their review of these packages and take final action on the redesignation requests for Allen, Stark and Belmont counties in a timely manner.

If you have any questions, please contact Sam MacDonald in the Division of Air Pollution Control at (614) 728-1743.

Sincerely,

Joseph P. Koncelik
Director

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