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

Re: PM<sub>2.5</sub> redesignation request and maintenance plan for the 1997 PM<sub>2.5</sub> Annual Standard for the Huntington-Ashland Area

Dear Administrator Hedman:

I am writing to formally request a redesignation to attainment of the Ohio portion of the Huntington-Ashland, OH-KY-WV area (Lawrence and Scioto Counties, and Monroe, Sprigg, and Cheshire townships, in Ohio; Boyd County and the area described by U.S. Census 2000 block group identifier 21-127-9901-6 only in Kentucky; and Cabell and Wayne Counties, and Graham Tax District only in West Virginia) with respect to the 1997 PM<sub>2.5</sub> annual standard. The enclosed submittal combines Ohio's redesignation request and the required maintenance plan for this area.

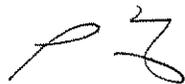
Monitoring of existing air quality indicates that the 1997 National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for PM<sub>2.5</sub> has been attained throughout this area based on 2008-2010 air quality data. Emissions projections indicate that current controls, existing State rules, existing federal rules, 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 Ohio's portion of the Huntington-Ashland area.

The enclosed information, compiled by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP), Kentucky Division of Air Quality (KDAQ), Ohio Department of Transportation, West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT), Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), and the Kentucky-Ohio-West Virginia Interstate Planning Commission (KYOVA), shows significant emission reductions since ambient violations 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 March 17, 2011. The public hearing for this package was held on April 21, 2011, in Portsmouth, Ohio.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Nally', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Scott J. Nally  
Director