

**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

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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 for the 1997 PM<sub>2.5</sub> Annual Standard for the Cincinnati-Hamilton Area

Dear Administrator Hedman:

I am writing to formally request a redesignation to attainment of the Ohio portion of the Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-IN-KY area (Butler, Clermont, Hamilton, and Warren Counties in Ohio; Dearborn Township in Indiana; and Boone, Campbell, and Kenton Counties in Kentucky) with respect to the 1997 PM<sub>2.5</sub> annual standard. The enclosed submittal combines the redesignation request and the required maintenance plan for this area.

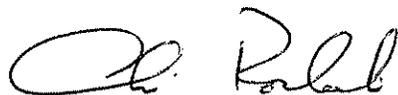
Monitoring of existing air quality indicates that the 1997 National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for PM<sub>2.5</sub> has been attained throughout this area based on 2007-2009 air quality data. Emissions projections indicate that current controls, existing State rules, existing federal rules, 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 Cincinnati-Hamilton area.

The enclosed information, compiled by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), Ohio Department of Transportation, and the Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky Regional Council of Governments (associated planning organization), shows significant emission reductions in point and mobile sources 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 NOx Trading Program, and control strategies implemented by Ohio, such as Low Reid Vapor Pressure Fuel requirements.

The public hearing for this package was held on November 29, 2010, in Cincinnati, Ohio and public comments were accepted through November 30, 2010.

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 "Chris Korleski". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and "K".

Chris Korleski  
Director