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Robert A. Kaplan
Acting Regional Administrator
Attn.: R-I9J
U.S. EPA, Region 5
77 West Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3507

Re: Request for Approval of the Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan for the Ohio Portion of the Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN Area for the 2008 Eight-Hour Ozone Standard

Dear Acting Administrator Kaplan:

I am writing to formally request a redesignation to attainment of the Ohio portion of the Cincinnati, OH-IN-KY area (Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton and Warren Counties in Ohio; Dearborn Township in Indiana (partial); and Boone, Campbell, and Kenton Counties (partial) in Kentucky) with respect to the 2008 eight-hour ozone standard. The enclosed submittal combines the redesignation request and the required maintenance plan for this area.

Monitoring of existing air quality indicates that the 2008 National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ozone has been attained throughout this area based on certified 2012-2014 air quality data and preliminary 2013-2015 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, OH-KY-IN area.

The enclosed information, compiled by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (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 transport programs, and control strategies implemented by Ohio, such as Low Reid Vapor Pressure Fuel requirements.

The public hearing for this package was held on March, 3 2016, in Cincinnati, Ohio and public comments were accepted through March, 3 2016 as well. The comments received and Ohio EPA's response to those comments is included in this package.

I am also requesting that this redesignation request be processed by U.S. EPA as expeditiously as possible due to the upcoming nonattainment designations for the 2015 ozone NAAQS. These designations are scheduled to occur in October 2017 and the Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN area will potentially be designated nonattainment for the 2015 ozone NAAQS. It is vital to Ohio and the Cincinnati area to reach attainment for the 2008 ozone NAAQS before this time to avoid triggering any implications under the Clean Air Act for areas designated nonattainment for a newer standard but have not been designated back to attainment for a standard that has been revoked.

This submittal consists of one (1) hard copy of the required documentation. An exact duplicate electronic version of the submittal in PDF format is available at <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/SIP/2008.aspx> under the heading "Clean Data Requests, Redesignations and Maintenance Plans".

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

Sincerely,



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