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Robert A. Kaplan
Acting Regional Administrator
Attn.: R-19J
U.S. EPA, Region 5
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Re: Request for Approval of the Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan for the Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH Area for the 2008 Eight-Hour Ozone Standard

Dear Acting Administrator Kaplan:

I am writing to formally request a redesignation to attainment of the Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, Ohio area (Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage and Summit) with respect to the 2008 eight-hour ozone standard. The enclosed submittal combines the redesignation request and the required maintenance plan for this area.

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) requested a one-year extension request for the Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, Ohio area to attain the standard on February 20, 2015 and provided U.S. EPA with supplemental information on March 19, 2015. U.S. EPA published proposed rulemaking granting the one-year attainment extension on August 27, 2015 (80 FR 51992). On May 4, 2016 (81 FR 26697) U.S. EPA published a final action approving the one-year extension request for the Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, Ohio nonattainment area with an effective date of June 3, 2016.

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 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 the Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, Ohio area.

The enclosed information, compiled by the Ohio EPA, Ohio Department of Transportation, the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study, and the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, 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, and the regional reductions associated with the transport programs and the implementation of CAIR/CSAPR.

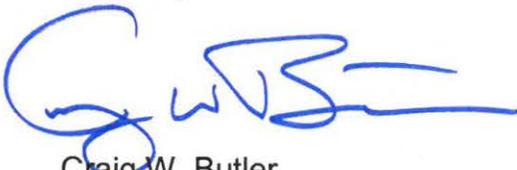
The public hearing for this package was held on June 27, 2016, in Cleveland, Ohio and public comments were accepted through June 27, 2016 as well. No comments were received during the public hearing.

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 Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, Ohio area will potentially be designated nonattainment for the 2015 ozone NAAQS. It is vital to Ohio and the Cleveland-Akron-Lorain 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,



Craig W. Butler
Director

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