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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

SECRETARY

October 3, 2016

Mr. Shawn M. Garvin
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III
1650 Arch Street, (Mail Code: 3RA00)
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

Dear Mr. Garvin:

Pursuant to Section 107 of the Clean Air Act (CAA), enclosed please find the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's designation recommendations pertinent to the 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone, 70 parts per billion as set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on October 1, 2015 and published in the *Federal Register* on October 26, 2015 (80 FR 65292). The recommended geographical boundaries for ozone unclassifiable/attainment and nonattainment areas within the Commonwealth's borders were determined in accordance with the guidance set forth in the EPA memorandum issued by Janet McCabe on February 25, 2016 pertaining to the "Area Designations for the 2015 Revised Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards."

Prior to finalizing the Commonwealth's ozone designation recommendations, notice announcing three public meetings and an opportunity for public comment were published by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on August 20, 2016 (46 Pa.B. 5162). The public meetings on the proposed recommendations were held in Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, and Philadelphia on August 24, 25, and 26, 2016, respectively. A 13-day public comment period was held from August 20 to September 2, 2016. A summary of comments received and DEP's responses are included with the recommendations.

We understand that EPA will provide notice of any modifications to our ozone designation recommendations at least 120 days prior to issuing the final designations in accordance with Section 107(d)(B)(ii) of the CAA (42 U.S.C.A. § 7407(d)(B)(ii)). We fully intend to take advantage of the opportunities prescribed under the CAA to comment on any proposed modifications to our recommendations. We look forward to collaborating with your staff during the development of final eight-hour ozone designations for the Commonwealth.

Thank you in advance for your favorable consideration of Pennsylvania's ozone designation recommendations. Should you have any questions or need additional information during the ozone designation process, please contact Krishnan Ramamurthy, Acting Director, Bureau of Air Quality, by e-mail at kramamurth@pa.gov or by telephone at 717.787.9702.

Sincerely,

Patrick McDonnell
Acting Secretary