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Dear Mr. Ruvo:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with updated information regarding the facility shutdown mentioned in New Jersey's letter to EPA, dated January 9, 2017, that provided supplemental information to New Jersey's designation recommendation for the 2010 Primary 1-hour Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS).

The B.L. England Generating Station, located in Beesley's Point, Cape May County (not the Carney's Point Generating Plant in Salem County as noted in the January 9th letter), was expected to shutdown by May 1, 2017 in accordance with Administrative Consent Order (ACO) 73001 NEA040002. Recently, PJM Interconnection determined that the shutdown of B.L. England Units 2 (coal-fired utility boiler) and 3 (No. 6 fuel oil-fired utility boiler) would adversely affect the transmission of electricity in the region, and requested that B.L. England defer the deactivation of the two units. In a letter dated March 3, 2017, B. L. England notified NJDEP that it will operate Units 2 and 3 after May 2, 2017 to maintain electric reliability. This extension is allowable pursuant to the ACO enclosed with this letter. Therefore, there will be no changes in county-level SO₂ emissions in 2017. The total SO₂ emissions from each county continue to remain well below 1,000 tons per year, and support a designation of attainment.

If you have any further questions regarding New Jersey's 1-hour SO₂ designation recommendations, please contact Danny Wong, of the Division of Air Quality, at (609) 984-2608.

Sincerely yours,

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