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Debra Shore
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60604-3507

Re: Withdrawal of Attainment Demonstration for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard for the Chicago Nonattainment Area, submitted 1/10/2019

Dear Administrator Shore,

On January 10, 2019, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Illinois EPA") submitted an attainment demonstration to fulfill the marginal nonattainment elements for the 2008 ozone NAAQS under the Clean Air Act ("CAA"). That attainment demonstration for the Illinois portion of the nonattainment area was under review by USEPA when the process was paused due to an apparent violation of the standard during the 2020 ozone season. This prevented the USEPA from finalizing approval of the submittal.

Subsequently, the Illinois EPA submitted a redesignation request and maintenance plan for the Illinois portion of the Chicago-Naperville 2008 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard nonattainment area on January 25, 2022. Illinois EPA requested that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("USEPA") redesignate specified counties, including Cook, Lake, DuPage, McHenry, Kane, Will, Grundy, and Kendall, to attainment based on attainment level ozone concentrations measured throughout the Chicago-Naperville nonattainment area and approve the maintenance plan into Illinois' State Implementation Plan.

USEPA approved the above redesignation request and maintenance plan on May 20, 2022 (87 FR 30828).

Illinois EPA is hereby withdrawing the "Attainment Demonstration for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard for the Chicago Nonattainment Area," submitted January 10, 2019, because this attainment demonstration is no longer a necessary element to meet the CAA requirements in light of the subsequent redesignation of the area.

Illinois has met all CAA requirements for the Chicago-Naperville 2008 ozone NAAQS nonattainment area.

If you have any questions, please contact Rory Davis, Regulatory Development Unit Manager, at Rory.Davis@illinois.gov or at (217) 782-7397.

Sincerely,

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