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Mr. Adam Ortiz
Regional Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III
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Dear Mr. Ortiz:

This letter fulfills Delaware's obligations under Section 107 of the Clean Air Act (CAA) for states to recommend attainment status designations for counties under the annual primary national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) promulgated a revised PM_{2.5} Annual NAAQS on February 7, 2024 (2024 PM_{2.5} NAAQS) (89 Federal Register 16202). The EPA revised the level of the primary (health-based) annual PM_{2.5} standard from 12.0 micrograms per cubic meter (µg/m³) to 9.0 µg/m³.

Delaware recommends that the entire State of Delaware (New Castle, Kent and Sussex counties) be designated "attainment" with the new 2024 PM_{2.5} NAAQS. Delaware makes this recommendation because all of the monitors in Delaware are measuring PM_{2.5} below the revised 2024 PM_{2.5} NAAQS of 9.0 µg/m³ and because Delaware is not the cause of exceedances within other counties in nearby states. Delaware makes this recommendation in accordance with EPA's February 7, 2024 Memorandum entitled "Initial Area Designations for the 2024 Revised Primary Annual Fine Particle National Ambient Air Quality Standard." The attached Technical Support Document details the analyses that Delaware undertook in support of its recommendation.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation. If you have any questions concerning this submittal or would like to discuss it further, please contact Lisa Borin Ogden, Acting Secretary, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) or Angela D. Marconi, P.E., DNREC Division of Air Quality at (302) 739-9402.

Sincerely,

Bethany Hall-Long
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Enclosure

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