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January 16, 2013

Mr. Shawn M. Garvin  
Regional Administrator  
U.S. EPA Region 3  
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Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

Dear Mr. Garvin:

In accordance with the requirements of Section 107(d)(1) of the Clean Air Act, Maryland's boundary recommendations under the 2012 annual fine particle (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) standard are provided below in Table 1.

Maryland recommends that EPA designate all of Maryland as attainment with respect to the 2012 annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard. Based upon the 2012 PM<sub>2.5</sub> design values from Maryland's air quality monitoring network, no counties in Maryland violate the 2012 annual primary and secondary PM<sub>2.5</sub> standards. In making this recommendation, Maryland has utilized EPA's "April 2013 Guidance for Area Designations for the 2012 Annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS" and reviewed the Five-Factor Analysis which includes: Air Quality Data, Emissions and Emissions-Related Data, Meteorology, Geography/Topography, and Jurisdictional Boundaries.

Maryland is pleased to submit this recommendation, as it represents the first designation recommendation for either the PM<sub>2.5</sub> or Ozone standards in which all of Maryland is in attainment at the time of designation.

Table 1 summarizes the specific areas that Maryland is recommending be designated as in attainment.

Table 1  
Maryland's Fine Particle Designation Recommendation

### **Designated Area Designation**

Baltimore Area  
Anne Arundel County Attainment  
Baltimore City Attainment  
Baltimore County Attainment

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Carroll County Attainment  
Harford County Attainment  
Howard County Attainment

Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton Area  
Cecil County Attainment

Washington DC Area  
Calvert County Attainment  
Charles County Attainment  
Frederick County Attainment  
Montgomery County Attainment Prince Georges County Attainment

Hagerstown – WV Panhandle Area  
Washington County Attainment

**Remaining Maryland Counties**

Washington County Attainment  
Allegany Country Attainment  
Caroline County Attainment  
Dorchester County Attainment  
Garrett County Attainment  
Kent County Attainment  
Queen Anne's County Attainment  
St. Mary's County Attainment  
Somerset County Attainment  
Talbot County Attainment  
Wicomico County Attainment  
Worcester County Attainment

Maryland recognizes that this boundary recommendation submittal is only the first step in the fine particle designation process, and looks forward to working with EPA and Maryland stakeholders during the final steps of the designation process.

If you have any questions about this submission, please do not hesitate to contact Robert M. Summers, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Environment at (410) 537-3086 or George (Tad) S. Aburn, Jr., Director, Air and Radiation Management Administration at (410) 537-3245.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Art Gally", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Governor

cc: Mr. Robert M. Summers, Maryland Department of the Environment