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The Honorable Mark Warner
Governor of Virginia
State Capitol, 3rd Floor
Richmond, Virginia 23219

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Dear Governor Warner:

Thank you for the letter dated February 13, 2004 from Robert G. Burnley, Director of the Department of Environmental Quality, forwarding Virginia's recommendations on air quality designations for the national health based standards for fine particles.

Your letter is an important step toward providing citizens in your state with critical information about air pollution levels in their community. We intend to carefully review the recommendations and work with the Department of Environmental Quality as necessary in determining final designations.

We look forward to working with Virginia in the coming months on designations for the fine particle standards. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me or Judith M. Katz, Director of the Air Protection Division, at (215) 814-2100.

Sincerely,

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Donald S. Welsh
Regional Administrator

cc: The Honorable W. Tayloe Murphy, Jr., Secretary of Natural Resources
Robert G. Burnley, Director, VADEQ
John M. Daniels, Jr., Director of Air Program, VADEQ