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Mr. David Lutz
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Dear Mr. Lutz:

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, according to 40 CFR Chapter 1, Part 58, the Pennsylvania 2004 PM_{2.5} raw data in the Air Quality System is accurate and complete. I also certify that the data collection procedures conform to the applicable quality assurance, air monitoring methodology, probe siting criteria and reporting requirements in 40 CFR Part 58, Appendices A, C, E and F.

I am enclosing copies of the AMP 240 and AMP 450 reports for your reference. A separate SLAMS Summary Report and letter certifying the accuracy of the other criteria pollutants will be submitted to the U. S Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) no later July 1, 2005, as required by the FFY 2005 Section 105 Grant, Base Program Reporting Requirements, Item 2.D.(1).

As provided in EPA's "Air Quality Designations and Classifications for Particles (PM_{2.5}) National Ambient Air Quality Standards" final rule published on January 5, 2005, states may request an appropriate change in designation status based upon the inclusion of complete, quality assured and certified 2004 data that has been submitted to EPA by February 22, 2005. See, 70 FR 943-1019. The accelerated submission and certification of this PM_{2.5} data is in support of the Pennsylvania Department of Environment Protection's impending request to EPA Region III seeking withdrawal of the nonattainment designation for Mercer County. Based on the quality assured data for 2002-2004, the PM_{2.5} designation for Mercer County, EPA should issue an attainment designation for the area prior to April 5, 2005.

Please call me at 717-787-6548 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Zuvich
Environmental Program Manager
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