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The Honorable Bob Wise  
Governor of West Virginia  
1900 Kanawha Boulevard East  
Charleston, West Virginia 26301

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Dear Governor Wise:

Thank you for the letter dated February 13, 2005 from Stephanie Timmermeyer forwarding West 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 Protection as necessary in determining final boundaries for your nonattainment areas.

We look forward to working with West 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, Air Protection Division, at (215) 814-2100.

Sincerely,



Donald S. Welsh  
Regional Administrator

cc: The Honorable Stephanie Timmermeyer, Secretary, WVDEP  
John A. Benedict, Director, WVDEP

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