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January 16, 2013

Mr. Shawn M. Garvin
Regional Administrator
U.S. EPA Region 3
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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_{2.5}) standard are provided below in Table 1.

Maryland recommends that EPA designate all of Maryland as attainment with respect to the 2012 annual PM_{2.5} standard. Based upon the 2012 PM_{2.5} design values from Maryland's air quality monitoring network, no counties in Maryland violate the 2012 annual primary and secondary PM_{2.5} standards. In making this recommendation, Maryland has utilized EPA's "April 2013 Guidance for Area Designations for the 2012 Annual PM_{2.5} 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_{2.5} 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,



Governor

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