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The Honorable Alan J. Steinberg
Regional Administrator
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Dear Regional Administrator Steinberg:

Enclosed please find for your review and comment proposed revisions to the New Jersey State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the Attainment of the 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). The core of this proposed SIP revision is the State's demonstration that its two multi-state 8-hour ozone nonattainment areas will attain the 8-hour ozone NAAQS by their mandatory attainment date of June 15, 2010. The remainder of the proposed SIP revision addresses the other mandatory SIP elements for 8-hour ozone (with the exception of a Reasonable Available Control Technology (RACT) analysis, which the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) proposed on February 2, 2007 and will submit as final to the USEPA separately) and other related issues. Specifically, the primary components of this SIP revision proposal are:

- 1) A plausible demonstration that the two multi-state nonattainment areas associated with New Jersey will attain the 8-hour ozone health standard by their mandatory attainment date of June 15, 2010. This demonstration incorporates the latest scientific information from the University of Maryland, and is reliant upon New Jersey and the rest of the OTC states honoring their commitments to implement the "beyond on the way" control measures contained in the regional 2009 attainment modeling.
- 2) A demonstration that the State will more than meet its Reasonable Further Progress (RFP) targets for both 2008 (RFP milestone) and 2009 (attainment) using the same control measures applied in the State's 2009 attainment demonstration.

- 3) A Reasonably Available Control Measures (RACM) analysis which demonstrates that there are no other Reasonably Available Control Measures that would advance the nonattainment areas' attainment date by one year.
- 4) Contingency measures for the its 2008 Reasonable Further Progress milestone and the 2009 attainment milestone.
- 5) Proposed onroad vehicle emission budgets for use by the Metropolitan Planning Organizations to ensure their plans and programs are in conformance with the SIP.
- 6) Proposed general conformity emission budgets for use by McGuire Air Force Base and Lakehurst Naval Air Station to ensure that emissions from their operations also conform to the requirements of the SIP.
- 7) A request that the USEPA make a finding that three (3) of New Jersey's four (4) associated 1-hour nonattainment areas are meeting the 1-hour standard.
- 8) A request that the USEPA, in reviewing the attainment demonstrations and all other SIP revisions from other states, take into consideration their impact on New Jersey's attainment obligations, and insure that other states are doing all they can to help the multi-state nonattainment areas attain as soon as practicable.

In addition, the proposed SIP revision contains:

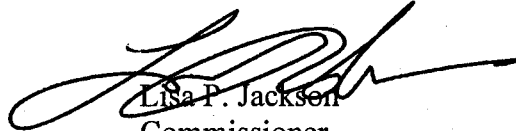
- Background information and a conceptual discussion on the formation and transport of ozone in the Northeastern United States;
- One-Hour and 8-Hour trends data for New Jersey and its associated multi-state nonattainment areas;
- Detailed descriptions of all the control measures used throughout the proposed SIP;
- A reaffirmation of New Jersey's actions and commitments with respect to transported emissions, as required by Section 110 (a)(2)(D)(i) of the Clean Air Act (and commonly referred to as the transport SIP requirement);
- A discussion of the likelihood that the USEPA will establish a new, more stringent 8-hour ozone health standard, and New Jersey's current actions to address that future goal; and
- A summary of all the State's commitments and requests of the USEPA.

A public hearing on this proposed SIP revision is scheduled for August 1, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, 401 East State Street, Trenton, New Jersey. Written comments relevant to the proposal may be submitted until the close of business on August 8, 2007 to: New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Alice A. Previte, Esq., Attn: DEP Docket No. 14-07-06, P.O. Box 402, 401 East State Street, Trenton, N.J. 08625-0402

We are requesting parallel processing of this proposed SIP. We would like to thank Paul Truchan, Bob Kelly, Kirk Wieber, Raymond Forde, and Matt Laurita, as well as the rest of the staff at the USEPA - Region 2, who facilitated informal comments on drafts of this proposal.

If you have any questions regarding this proposal, please contact Chris Salmi, Assistant Director of Air Quality Management in the NJDEP's Division of Air Quality, at (609) 984-1484.

Sincerely yours,



Lisa P. Jackson
Commissioner

Enclosure: SIP Document

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