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Public Notice Report

For The North Carolina Redesignation and Maintenance Plan for the Hickory and Greensboro/Winston-Salem/High Point Annual PM_{2.5} Nonattainment Area

On October 30, 2009, a draft version of the North Carolina redesignation and maintenance plan for the Hickory and Greensboro/Winston-Salem/High Point (referred to as the Triad area), annual PM_{2.5} nonattainment areas was submitted to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). A request for public hearing, in accordance with 40 CFR 51.102, and the public comment period were noticed in the local newspapers on Friday, October 30, 2009. The public comment period was open from October 30, 2009, through December 7, 2009, with a tentative hearing scheduled for Monday, December 7, 2009. No request for public hearing was received and the hearing was cancelled. A hearing cancellation notice was posted on the North Carolina Division of Air Quality (NCDAQ) website on Wednesday, December 2, 2009. The public comment period elicited comments from the USEPA.

Background

The Hickory and Triad areas North Carolina, located in Catawba, Davidson, and Guilford counties, was designated nonattainment for the annual PM_{2.5} National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) on January 5, 2005 (70 Federal Register 944) and became effective on April 1, 2005. The nonattainment designation was an action taken by the USEPA under Section 107(d) of the Clean Air Act (CAA). The CAA requires that some area be designated as nonattainment if a monitor is found to be in violation of the NAAQS. The USEPA took designation action in 2005 based on the ambient data from 2001-2003. At that time, the design values for the Hickory and Triad nonattainment areas were 15.6 µg/m³ and 15.9 µg/m³, respectively.

All violating monitors were attaining the annual PM_{2.5} standard with the inclusion of the 2008 ambient data. The 2006-2008 design values for the Hickory and Triad nonattainment areas are 14.2 µg/m³ and 14.5 µg/m³, respectively. Both areas continue to attain the daily PM_{2.5} standard. Therefore, the Hickory and Triad PM_{2.5} nonattainment areas are in attainment of the annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS and eligible to be considered for redesignation to attainment.

Summary of Public Notice and Comment Period

The public comment period was open from October 30, 2009 through December 7, 2009. The only comments received were from the USEPA, which are attached at the end of this Appendix. For the most part the comments on the PM_{2.5} redesignation and maintenance plan were minor and have been addressed in the final submittal. One comment from the USEPA was that North Carolina needed to provide additional information which addresses the impact of transport from

adjacent states during the maintenance period in order to approve the maintenance plan due to the Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) remand. The NCDAQ believes it has adequately addressed the concern in its transmittal letter and in the response to comments letter. The NCDAQ response to comments can be found at the end of this Appendix.

Conclusions

The NCDAQ believes it has adequately addressed the USEPA's comments. The NCDAQ will be moving forward with the final submittal to the USEPA of the North Carolina redesignation demonstration and maintenance plan for the Hickory and Greensboro/Winston-Salem/High Point annual PM_{2.5} nonattainment areas.



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Dear Mr. Overcash:

Thank you for your letter dated October 30, 2009, transmitting a prehearing package regarding the Hickory and Triad Annual PM_{2.5} national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) redesignation requests and maintenance plans. A public hearing on this package is scheduled for December 7, 2009, if requested, with written comments due by the close of business the same date. We have completed our review of the prehearing package and offer comments in the enclosure to this letter. In addition to our specific comments regarding your submission, we offer the following comment related to the remand of the Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) and its relation to these redesignation requests and maintenance plans.

On December 23, 2008, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit remanded CAIR to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) without vacatur, directing the Agency to remedy the rule in accordance with the Court's July 11, 2008, opinion in the case of *North Carolina v. EPA*, 531 F.3d 896, 901 (D.C. Cir. 2008). When EPA responds to the Court's remand, States subject to CAIR may need to revise their state implementation plans (SIPs) to be consistent with the Agency's new final action. In the interim, in order to approve North Carolina's maintenance plans for the Hickory and Triad annual PM_{2.5} nonattainment areas, EPA will need additional information which addresses the impact of transport from adjacent states during the period of maintenance for these plans.

EPA notes that in two separate rulemaking actions on October 6, 2009, the Agency proposed approval of clean data determinations for the Hickory and Triad areas for the annual PM_{2.5} standard. No comments were received during EPA's public comment period on these proposed approval actions. If an area receives a final approval of a clean data determination from EPA, this action will suspend the requirement for the area to submit the following: 1) an attainment demonstration and associated reasonably

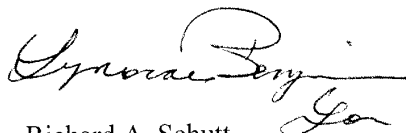
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available control measures (including reasonably available control technologies); 2) reasonable further progress plan; 3) contingency measures; and 4) any other planning SIP requirements related to attainment of the NAAQS of concern. This suspension of requirements for submissions of planning documents would remain in effect so long as the area continues to attain the NAAQS of concern. Also, the clean data determinations would be separate from, and not influence or otherwise affect, any future designation determination or requirements for the area.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Lynorae Benjamin, Chief, Regulatory Development Section at (404) 562-9033, or have your staff contact Ms. Nacosta C. Ward at (404) 562-9140.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard A. Schutt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "S".

Richard A. Schutt
Chief
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Enclosure

ENCLOSURE

We have the following comments on the prehearing submittal for the Hickory and Triad Annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS redesignation requests and maintenance plans:

Section 2.3 Permanent and Enforceable Reductions (pages 2-4 to 2-6)

1. It appears that this section should be divided into regulatory and non-regulatory measures. The Diesel Emissions Reductions Act grants and diesel retrofits are presented as permanent and enforceable reductions but they are non-regulatory. It is unclear how they are enforceable.
2. We recommend that each rule state the pollutant(s) and the amounts being reduced. Some states measures do not provide this information.

Chapter 3

3. Page 3-7. It appears that the State took credit for emissions reductions from the idle reduction regulation even though the regulation is not final but is expected to be final in 2010 after a legislative review. There are no guarantees to this rule becoming final. We recommend the State to present the amount of reductions that are being relied upon in the projected inventories in case we need to adjust the emissions.

Tables 3-1 to 3-11 on Pages 3-10 to 3-14

4. The emissions inventory numbers as presented on these pages do not add up to the totals presented in some cases. We recommend the totals match the numbers presented. For instance, look at Triad nitrogen oxides (NO_x) 2008 totals in Table 3-13 after adding on individual source categories from the previous tables (i.e., 23,070) versus the totals for Davidson and Guilford Counties (i.e., 23,068) as compared with the total provided in the table (i.e., 23,069). Look also at 2021 NO_x numbers for the Triad area.

Appendix C.1 Point Sources Documentation

5. The companies, Progressive Furniture; Thomasville Furniture Plant A/X/V Face; Stanley Furniture Company – Lexington Mfg; and Unifour Finishers, Inc. Division I; are listed in Table 5.2 as “inactive”. We request that the text explain what this means. If this means that the company is not operating, it should not be included in the inventory. Otherwise, it is appears to artificially inflate the actual emission which should be represented by the inventory.
 - a. If a source is inactive, meaning not operating in the three years of attainment, it would seem that those emissions should not be included in any of the emissions for this period. Otherwise, the base year emissions

are artificially inflated providing a higher base for comparison for assessing maintenance. Please clarify this in the final submittal.

- b. The base year emission inventory should represent actual conditions that typically existed when attainment of the NAAQS occurred.
6. We are unclear what happened to the PM_{2.5} emissions for units G6 and G8 for the Duke Energy Marshall Steam Plant. The 2002 emissions in the PM_{2.5} Attainment SIP for the Hickory show emissions for these two units.

Appendix C.2 Area Source

7. The FORECAST function in Microsoft EXCEL was used to calculate, or predicts, a future population value by using 2003 to 2006 existing values. It is unclear why annual population data from the NC Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) (i.e., http://www.osbm.state.nc.us/ncosbm/facts_and_figures/socioeconomic_data/population_estimates/county_projections.shtml) was not used instead of the EXCEL program.
8. It is unclear what minimum level of point source emissions are being used so that we can determine where the stationary area source category begins.

Contingency measures

9. The State proposes to allow at least 3 years for compliance with rules that will be adopted to correct a violation. Contingency measures should be implemented as expeditiously as practicable, typically 18-24 months. Please propose a schedule in your submission of how the area will comply if a violation occurs.



North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources

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B. Keith Overcash, P.E.

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December 18, 2009

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Dear Mr. Schutt:

Thank you for your letter dated December 7, 2009, transmitting the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Region 4's comments on the pre-hearing draft of the North Carolina redesignation demonstration and maintenance plan for the Hickory and Greensboro/Winston-Salem/High Point annual fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) nonattainment areas. This letter is to provide the North Carolina Division of Air Quality's (NCDAQ's) response to those comments.

In your transmittal letter, it was stated that due to the court remand of the Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR), the USEPA would need additional information which addresses the impact of transport from adjacent states during the maintenance period in order to approve North Carolina's maintenance plan. The comment letter suggests that regulatory uncertainty regarding out-of-state sources (due to the CAIR litigation) mandates further analysis. North Carolina's submission is fully consistent with the USEPA guidance and practice. Therefore, no further showing is needed. However, the NCDAQ has determined the following in reviewing the USEPA's Clean Air Markets Division (CAMD) data and from discussions with neighboring states:

- The State of Georgia has passed multi-pollutant legislation that will require controls on its coal-fired utilities which will reduce nitrogen oxides (NO_x) and sulfur dioxide (SO₂) emissions from that State.
- As a result of the recent court decision in the State of North Carolina versus Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), TVA has been mandated to install NO_x and SO₂ controls on those sources the court has determined to be causing a public nuisance in North Carolina.
- In Virginia, Dominion Power and American Electric Power have consent decrees which require controls be installed to reduce NO_x and SO₂ emissions. Additionally, the facilities owned by Cogentrix all operate under Prevention of Significant Deterioration permits and have installed SO₂ and particulate matter controls.
- In South Carolina, three of the coal-fired facilities have SO₂ scrubbers installed based on the CAMD data: Santee Cooper Cross, Santee Cooper Winyah and South Carolina Electric and Gas Cope Station.

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On March 19, 2004, North Carolina filed a petition under section 126 of the Clean Air Act showing, among other things, that emissions from out-of-state sources interfere with maintenance of the PM_{2.5} standard in North Carolina. Resolution of that petition is long overdue. See Judgment, *Sierra Club v. EPA*, 313 Fed. Appx. 331 (D.C. Cir. 2009), in which the USEPA's rule denying North Carolina's petition was remanded to the USEPA at its request, and the court indicated "Consistent with the statute, [USEPA's] reconsideration should be expeditious." Thus, North Carolina has taken the appropriate steps, as established by Congress, to resolve any regulatory uncertainty regarding out-of-state sources that interfere with North Carolina's maintenance of the PM_{2.5} standard. If the USEPA believes that out-of-state emissions may increase in the wake of the CAIR litigation, and thus interfere with North Carolina's ability to maintain the annual PM_{2.5} standard, then the USEPA has ample basis to and must grant North Carolina's petition expeditiously. Otherwise, North Carolina's PM_{2.5} nonattainment areas must be redesignated.

The following address the other comments the USEPA provided on the redesignation demonstration and maintenance plan:

Section 2.3 Permanent and Enforceable Reductions (pages 2-4 to 2-6)

Comment 1: It appears that this section should be divided into regulatory and non-regulatory measures. The Diesel Emissions Reductions Act (DERA) grants and Diesel Retrofits are presented as permanent and enforceable reductions but they are non-regulatory. It is unclear how they are enforceable.

Response: The NCDAQ added clarifying language to identify which measures are enforceable and which are non-regulatory, but still result in permanent emission reductions.

Comment 2: We recommend that each rule state the pollutant(s) and the amounts being reduced. Some state measures do not provide this information.

Response: The NCDAQ has added the requested information.

Chapter 3

Comment 3: Page 3-7. It appears that the State took credit for emissions reductions from the idle reduction regulation even though the regulation is not final but is expected to be final in 2010 after a legislative review. There are no guarantees to this rule becoming final. We recommend the State to present the amount of reductions that are being relied upon in the projected inventories in case we need to adjust the emissions.

Response: The NCDAQ included this regulation in the discussion of the maintenance control program since it will reduce emissions once it is approved. However, due to the uncertainty of when this rule will become effective, the NCDAQ did not include the expected emission reductions from the idle reduction regulation in the maintenance plan emission estimates.

Tables 3-1 to 3-11 (pages 3-10 to 3-14)

Comment 4: The emissions inventory numbers as presented on these pages do not add up to the totals presented in some cases. We recommend the totals match the numbers presented. For instance, look at Triad NOx 2008 totals in Table 3-13 after adding on

individual source categories from the previous tables (i.e., 23,070) versus the totals for Davidson and Guilford Counties (i.e., 23,068) as compared with the total provided in the table (i.e., 23,069). Look also at 2021 NO_x numbers for the Triad area.

Response: The NCDAQ has corrected the rounding error issues in the emissions summary tables.

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Comment 5: The companies, Progressive Furniture; Thomasville Furniture Plant A/X/V Face; Stanley Furniture Company – Lexington Mfg; and Unifour Finishers, Inc. Division I; are listed in Table 5.2 as “inactive”. We request that the text explain what this means. If this means that the company is not operating, it should not be included in the inventory. Otherwise, it appears to artificially inflate the actual emission which should be represented by the inventory.

Response: One of these sources shutdown in 2006 and has been removed from the point source emissions inventory. The other two sources were operating during 2008 but have shutdown since that time and will remain in the base year emissions inventory. The NCDAQ has decided to project these emissions, based on the methodology described in the point source documentation, through the maintenance period to provide a conservative estimate of the maintenance years’ emissions inventories.

Comment 6: We are unclear what happened to the PM_{2.5} emissions for units G6 and G8 for the Duke Energy Marshall Steam Plant. The 2002 emissions in the PM_{2.5} Attainment SIP for the Hickory show emissions for these two units.

Response: During our investigation for this comment, the NCDAQ discovered that the facility only reported coarse particulate matter (PM₁₀) for the raw coal storage (G6) and miscellaneous processes (G8). The VISTAS’s (Visibility Improvement State and Tribal Association of the Southeast) emissions inventory contractor had used conversion factors to estimate the fraction of PM_{2.5} in the PM₁₀ emissions for the 2002 emissions inventory. For consistency between the two submittals, the NCDAQ has reviewed the point source inventory for similar instances where PM₁₀ emissions were reported with no corresponding PM_{2.5} emissions and has used conversion factors to estimate PM_{2.5} emissions.

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Response: The NCDAQ has revised the emission estimates that relied on population and has used the North Carolina OSBM population projections for calculating those emissions.

Comment 8: It is unclear what minimum level of point source emissions are being used so that we can determine where the stationary area source category begins.

Response: In general, the NCDAQ permits facilities whose uncontrolled potential emissions are more than 5 tons per year of carbon monoxide, NO_x, particulate matter, SO₂ and/or volatile organic compounds. A clarifying sentence has been added to the area source documentation that states the size of permitted sources.

Contingency measures

Comment 9: The State proposes to allow at least 3 years for compliance with rules that will be adopted to correct a violation. Contingency measures should be implemented as expeditiously as practicable, typically 18-24 months. Please provide a schedule in your submission of how the area will comply if a violation occurs.

Response: The NCDAQ has changed the time for compliance with rules from 3 years to 2 years. The discussion in Section 3.4.3 of the narrative lays out the timing of when the analysis and rule making will be completed if a violation occurs.

Thank you for your review of the pre-hearing draft. We look forward to working with the USEPA Region 4 during your review of our official SIP submittal for this area. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Boothe of my staff at (919) 733-1488.

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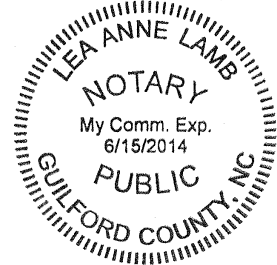
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REQUESTS FOR A PUBLIC HEARING: Requests for a public hearing must be in writing and include a statement supporting the need for such a hearing, an indication of your interest in the subject, and a brief summary of the information intended to be offered at such hearing. Written requests for a public hearing must be received by no later than Monday, November 30, 2009.

If a public hearing is requested, the hearing will transpire at 2:00pm on Monday, December 7, 2009, at the Winston-Salem Region Office of the NCDAQ, located at 585 Wroughton Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27107. If a public hearing is not requested, a cancellation notice will be posted on Wednesday, December 2, 2009 on the NCDAQ website by selecting December 7, 2009, on the Events Calendar: <http://www.ncdaq.org/calendar/> or by calling 919-733-1115.

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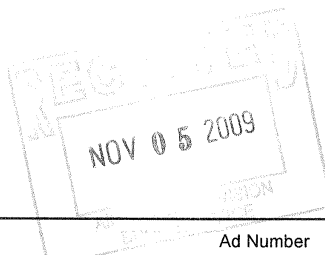
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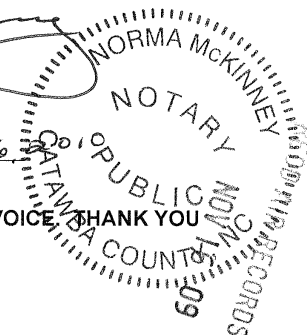
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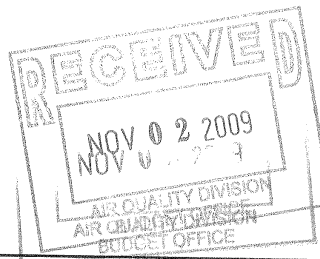
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If a public hearing is requested, the hearing will transpire at 3:00pm on Monday, December 7, 2009, at the Winston-Salem Region Office of the NCDAQ, located at 585 Waughtown Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27107. If a public hearing is not requested, a cancellation notice will be posted on Wednesday, December 2, 2009 on the NCDAQ web site by selecting December 7, 2009, on the Events Calendar, <http://www.ncair.org/calendar/> or by calling 919-733-1115.

COMMENT PROCEDURES: Any person wishing to comment may submit a written statement for inclusion in the record of proceedings regarding the PM2.5 Redesignation Attainment Demonstration Package. Written comments must be received by no later than Monday, December 7, 2009.

INFORMATION: Written requests for a public hearing or comments can be electronically submitted or sent to the following:

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Date: 10/27/09
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This 30th day of October, 2009

S.A. Bragman
(signature of person making affidavit)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 30th day of October, 2009

Kimalee Johnson
(Notary Public)

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Public Notice Report

For Supplement to the
Redesignation Demonstration and Maintenance Plan for the
Hickory and Greensboro/Winston-Salem/High Point
Annual PM_{2.5} Nonattainment Area

On November 15, 2010, a draft version of the North Carolina supplement to the redesignation demonstration and maintenance plan for the Hickory and Greensboro/Winston-Salem/High Point (referred to as the Triad area) annual fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) nonattainment areas was submitted to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). A request for public hearing, in accordance with 40 CFR 51.102, and the public comment period were noticed in the local newspapers on Wednesday, November 17, 2010. The public comment period was open from November 17, 2010, through December 17, 2010. No request for public hearing was received and the public comment period elicited comments from the USEPA.

Background

The Hickory and Triad areas North Carolina, located in Catawba, Davidson, and Guilford counties, was designated nonattainment for the annual PM_{2.5} National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) on January 5, 2005 (70 Federal Register 944) and became effective on April 1, 2005. The nonattainment designation was an action taken by the USEPA under Section 107(d) of the Clean Air Act (CAA). The CAA requires that some area be designated as nonattainment if a monitor is found to be in violation of the NAAQS. The USEPA took designation action in 2005 based on the ambient data from 2001-2003. At that time, the design values for the Hickory and Triad nonattainment areas were 15.6 µg/m³ and 15.9 µg/m³, respectively.

All violating monitors were attaining the annual PM_{2.5} standard with the inclusion of the 2008 ambient data. The 2006-2008 design values for the Hickory and Triad nonattainment areas are 14.2 µg/m³ and 14.5 µg/m³, respectively. Both areas continue to attain the daily PM_{2.5} standard. Therefore, the Hickory and Triad PM_{2.5} nonattainment areas are in attainment of the annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS and eligible to be considered for redesignation to attainment. The North Carolina Division of Air Quality (NCDAQ) submitted a redesignation demonstration and maintenance plan for the Hickory and Triad PM_{2.5} nonattainment areas on December 18, 2009.

In March 2010, the USEPA announced in the Federal Register (FR) that the new mobile model, Motor Vehicle Emission Simulator (MOVES), was required for State Implementation Plan purposes and would be required for transportation conformity purposes starting March 2012 (40 FR 9411). The NCDAQ committed to the transportation partners to revise the motor vehicle emission budgets using the MOVES model. This supplement revises the on-road mobile source emissions used in the maintenance plan and the motor vehicle emission budgets which will be used for transportation conformity purposes.

Summary of Public Notice and Comment Period

The public comment period was open from November 17, 2010 through December 17, 2010. The only comments received were from the USEPA, which are attached following this report along with the NCDAQ's response to comments. Both comments received from the USEPA were not on the mobile source emissions, but rather information in the original plan submitted December 2009. The first comment will be addressed in a separate errata document while the second was a suggestion to move a rule reference from one section to another. Both comments were minor and did not impact the supplemental information being provided. The NCDAQ believes it has adequately addressed the concern in the response to comments letter.

Conclusions

The NCDAQ believes it has adequately addressed the USEPA's comments. The NCDAQ will be moving forward with the final submittal to the USEPA of the North Carolina supplement to the redesignation demonstration and maintenance plan for the Hickory and Greensboro/Winston-Salem/High Point annual PM_{2.5} nonattainment areas.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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December 17, 2010

Sheila Holman, Director
Division of Air Quality
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Dear Ms. Holman:

Thank you for your letter dated November 15, 2010, transmitting a prehearing package regarding a Supplement to the Redesignation and Maintenance Plan for the Hickory and Greensboro/Winston-Salem/High Point, North Carolina annual PM_{2.5} Nonattainment Areas originally submitted on December 18, 2009. These state implementation plan revisions are the subject of a public comment period which began on November 17, 2010, with written comments due by the close of business on December 17, 2010. We have completed our review of the prehearing submittal and offer suggested clarifications in the enclosure.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Lynorae Benjamin, Chief, Regulatory Development Section at (404) 562-9040, or have your staff contact Royce Dansby-Sparks at (404) 562-9187.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Schutt
Chief
Air Planning Branch

Enclosure

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**Hickory-Triad Annual Fine Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5})
Redesignation Prehearing Supplement
November 17, 2010**

State Implementation Plan (SIP) Narrative -The following comments are suggested clarifications to the submittal package.

1. The annual sulfur dioxide emission for Catawba County for 2008 in Table 3-5 is 10,978 tons per year (tpy) while Table 2-5 shows emissions of 6,174 tpy for the Marshall Steam Power plant in 2008 in Catawba County. The Marshall Plant provides basically all emissions in this county in 2002 as presented in the attainment SIP for the Triad area. Please explain the difference between the two emissions estimates in the two tables and make the appropriate corrections to the point source inventory documentation.
2. Significant reductions in PM_{2.5} and the specific precursors are expected and achieved through the open burning ban regulation. (See Table 3-3, page 3-8) It appears that, in the Triad area, reductions of 1,774 tpy are expected in 2021. This is larger than many point source control reductions and larger than the total emissions for the Triad area in Table 3-9. While the regulation is permanent and enforceable, the state acknowledges its limited effectiveness. Based on the discussion in Appendix C.2, pages 11-13, North Carolina Department of Air Quality (NC DAQ) is projecting future reductions based on a public awareness campaign. In light of this, EPA feels that NC DAQ should consider moving the Open Burning control measure from Section 3.2.2 – *State Control Measures* to Section 3.2.3 – *Additional Programs Supporting Maintenance*.



North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources

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December 22, 2010

Richard A. Schutt
Air Planning Branch, Chief
USEPA Region 4
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Dear Mr. Schutt:

Thank you for your letter dated December 17, 2010, transmitting the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Region 4's comments on the pre-hearing draft Supplement to the Redesignation Demonstration and Maintenance Plan for the Hickory and Greensboro/Winston-Salem/High Point, North Carolina annual PM_{2.5} Nonattainment Area. This letter is to provide the North Carolina Division of Air Quality's (NCDAQ's) response to those comments.

The first comment asked that NCDAQ explain why the 2008 point source sulfur dioxide (SO₂) emissions in Table 3-5 for Catawba County were 10, 978 tons per year while the Table 2-5 shows 2008 SO₂ emissions of 6,174 tons per year for Marshall Steam Plant, the largest source in Catawba County. The difference is due to the NCDAQ not having the official 2008 emissions inventory available at the time the original plan was developed and submitted, so for Table 3-5 the Clean Smokestacks Act implementation plan was used to estimate the emissions from this source, whereas the emissions from Table 2-5 were draft preliminary data from the USEPA's Clean Air Markets Division. Although the point source emissions were not part of the Supplemental package, the NCDAQ will make a correction to the Catawba County SO₂ point source emissions reflecting the actual 2008 emissions as part of an errata package.

The second comment suggested that the NCDAQ move the open burning control measures from Section 3.2.2 – State Control Measures to Section 3.2.3 – Additional Programs Supporting Maintenance, since the projecting future reductions are based on a public awareness campaign. Although this comment is out the scope of the supplemental package, the NCDAQ believes that the open burning rules are properly listed under the State Control Measures since the rule is permanent and enforceable.

Thank you for your review of the pre-hearing draft. We look forward to working with the USEPA Region 4 during your review of the final Supplemental submittal for this area. If you should have any questions, please contact Laura Boothe of my staff at (919) 733-1488 or laura.boothe@ncdenr.gov.

Sincerely,

Sheila C. Holman

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cc: Michael Abraczinskas
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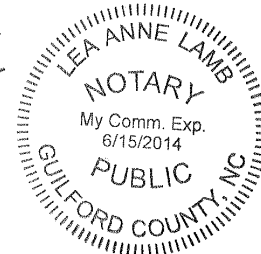
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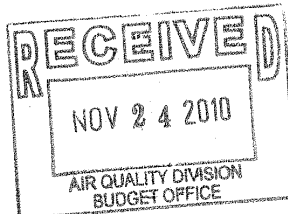
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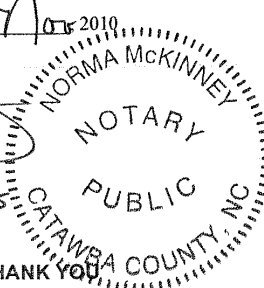
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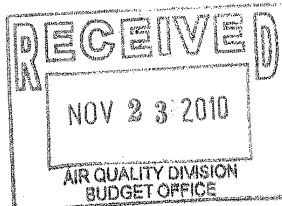
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