December 22, 2010

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Dear Ms. Fleming:

I am pleased to submit the 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. The purpose of this Supplement package is to recalculate the on-road mobile source emissions using the new United States Environmental Protection Agency’s (USEPA’s) mobile model Motor Vehicle Emission Simulator (MOVES). These emission changes are also reflected in the motor vehicle emission budgets for the purposes of transportation conformity. Additionally, some minor errors were found in the original Redesignation Demonstration and Maintenance Plan. These minor corrections are included in the attached errata. Enclosed is one hard copy of the complete package containing the pages changed due to the emission updates, the errata, and an exact duplicate electronic copy on compact disk. Additionally, the disk includes the MOVES model input and output files.

The opportunity to request a 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 Wednesday, November 17, 2010 through Friday, December 17, 2010. There were no written requests for a public hearing and the only comments received were from the USEPA.

I respectfully request that you commence the federal approval process for the Supplement to Redesignation Demonstration and Maintenance Plan for the Hickory and Greensboro/Winston-Salem/High Point, North Carolina annual PM$_{2.5}$ Nonattainment Area. If you should have any questions, please contact Laura Boothe of my staff at (919) 733-1488 or laura.boothe@ncdenr.gov.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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