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Subject: Supplement to the Revised Maintenance Plan for the Charlotte-Gastonia-Salisbury, North Carolina 2008 8-Hour Ozone Marginal Nonattainment Area

Dear Ms. Walker:

I am pleased to submit the *Supplement to the Revised Maintenance Plan for the Charlotte-Gastonia-Salisbury, North Carolina 2008 8-Hour Ozone Marginal Nonattainment Area*. Enclosed are the clean and markup copy of the supplement package uploaded into the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (USEPA) State Planning Electronic Collaboration System (SPeCS) for SIPs interface for your staff to review and approve. The Division of Air Quality (DAQ) requests that your staff review and approve the revised pages of the clean copy of the narrative and Appendix A as outlined in the following tables. Appendix B contains the public notice and EPA's no-comment letter.

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The purpose of this supplement is to increase the amount of safety margin allocated to the motor vehicle emission budgets (MVEBs) contained in the July 25, 2018, State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision for the Charlotte maintenance area. The proposed revisions to the 2026 MVEBs will account for unanticipated changes in the travel demand model used to calculate vehicle miles traveled for the Charlotte maintenance area; however, the overall maintenance plan emissions will remain unchanged. In addition, the Charlotte maintenance area is currently attaining the 2008 and 2015 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) based on certified ambient monitoring data through 2019. Therefore, the DAQ concludes that the proposed revisions to the MVEBs will not interfere with any applicable requirement concerning the attainment and maintenance of the NAAQS.

The DAQ issued a public notice announcement, in accordance with 40 CFR 51.102, indicating that the pre-hearing draft of the *Supplement to the Revised Maintenance Plan for the Charlotte-Gastonia-Salisbury, North Carolina 2008 8-Hour Ozone Marginal Nonattainment Area*, was available for public comment and posted on the DAQ website for review. The public comment period was open from Tuesday, June 2, 2020 through Thursday, July 2, 2020.

In addition to posting on the DAQ's website, the public notice announcement was sent to a number of email distribution lists managed by the DAQ, which includes numerous stakeholders from industry and environmental groups. The DAQ has found that sending the public notice announcements to these groups is more effective than publishing the notices in a few local newspapers and is consistent with the requirements described in the April 6, 2011, memorandum, "*Regional Consistency for the Administrative Requirements of the State Implementation Plan Submittals and the Use of Letter Notices.*"

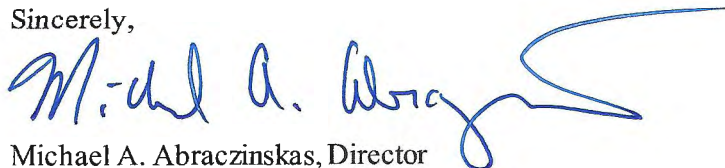
In order to address guidance to minimize the spread of COVID-19, the public notice indicated that a digital public hearing via Cisco's WebEx teleconferencing service would be scheduled if a public hearing were requested. The document was also made available for in person review during normal business hours at the DAQ Central Office in Raleigh and the DAQ Regional Office in Mooresville.

The DAQ did not receive any requests for a public hearing or any written comments from the public during the comment period.

I look forward to the USEPA's review and final approval of the clean version of the proposed supplement to the *Revised Maintenance Plan for the Charlotte-Gastonia-Salisbury, North Carolina 2008 8-Hour Ozone Marginal Nonattainment Area*.

If you should have any questions, please contact Randy Strait of my staff at (919) 707-8721 or randy.strait@ncdenr.gov.

Sincerely,



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