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**North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality
Public Notice and EPA Comment Letter**

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**NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
PUBLIC NOTICE**

PURPOSE: The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality (DAQ), hereby gives notice regarding a Pre-Hearing Draft Revision to its 2008 Ozone Standard Infrastructure State Implementation Plan (SIP), Element 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I), referred to as the "Good Neighbor" provision. This SIP revision demonstrates that based on currently available emissions and air quality modeling data, emissions activities within North Carolina do not significantly contribute to nonattainment or interfere with maintenance of the 2008 ozone standard in a neighboring state. Persons wishing to submit comments or request a public hearing are invited to do so.

COMMENT PROCEDURES: Any person wishing to comment may submit a written statement for inclusion in the record of proceedings regarding the Revision to the Infrastructure SIP, Element 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I). Written comments should be received by no later than November 30, 2015.

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. A public hearing will be scheduled if requested. A separate notice will be announced for the hearing including the date, time and location. Written requests for a public hearing should be received no later than November 30, 2015, and addressed to Sushma Masemore, Division of Air Quality, 1641 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1641.

INFORMATION: Copies of the Pre-Hearing Draft Revision to Infrastructure SIP, Element 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I) may be downloaded from the DAQ website at: http://ncair.org/planning/cert/ozone2008/Ozone_nc_cert.shtml

Comments can be submitted electronically to:
daq.publiccomments@ncdenr.gov
(Please type "Good Neighbor SIP" in the subject line)

Comments can be mailed or faxed to:
Sushma Masemore
NC Division of Air Quality
1641 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1641
Fax: (919) 715-0717

The Pre-Hearing Draft Revision to Infrastructure SIP, Element 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I) may be reviewed in person during normal business hours at the following North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality offices:

Raleigh Central Office, Planning Section	(919) 707-8700
Asheville Regional Office	(828) 296-4500
Fayetteville Regional Office	(910) 433-3300
Mooresville Regional Office	(704) 663-1699
Raleigh Regional Office	(919) 791-4200
Washington Regional Office	(252) 946-6481
Wilmington Regional Office	(910) 796-7215
Winston-Salem Regional Office	(336) 771-5000

Date: 10/30/15



Sheila C. Holman, Director

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November 30, 2015

Ms. Sheila C. Holman, Director
Division of Air Quality
North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality
1641 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1641

Dear Ms. Holman:

Thank you for your letter dated October 30, 2015, transmitting a prehearing package regarding the "Good Neighbor" provisions under Clean Air Act section 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I) for the 2008 8-hour ozone national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS). This proposed state implementation plan (SIP) revision is the subject of a public comment period beginning October 30, 2015, with written comments due by November 30, 2015.

We have reviewed your submission and note that North Carolina has concerns with the notice the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency signed on July 23, 2015 titled, "Notice of Availability of the Environmental Protection Agency's Updated Ozone Transport Modeling Data for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard." In your October 30, 2015, letter, you express concerns with the EPA's modeling analysis linking North Carolina to downwind contributions to ozone concentrations at the Essex, Maryland air quality monitoring site. We also note that North Carolina submitted similar comments on the EPA's July notice of data availability (NODA).

On November 16, 2015, the EPA Administrator proposed an action titled, "Cross-State Air Pollution Rule Update for the 2008 Ozone NAAQS" to address the Clean Air Act "Good Neighbor" requirements for the 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS. The proposed rule focuses on interstate transport impacts in the eastern United States, including the state of North Carolina. This proposed rule will be the subject of a 45-day public comment period upon publication of the proposed rule in the Federal Register. The data and methods in the NODA were used to develop and support the November 16, 2015, proposed Cross-State Air Pollution Rule update. The EPA is now evaluating the comments and concerns that are provided on the modeling and associated data in your submission, as well as your comments in the NODA. We are in the process of reviewing all public comments received on the NODA, and will carefully consider your concerns and assess whether updates are needed before taking any final action on your submission.

We appreciate your transmittal of this package for our consideration and look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff. If you have any questions, please contact Lynorae Benjamin, Chief of the Air Regulatory Management Section, at (404) 562-9040, or have your staff contact Nacosta Ward at (404) 562-9140.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. Scott Davis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "R." and last name "Davis" clearly legible.

R. Scott Davis
Chief
Air Planning and Implementation Branch