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Dear Mr. Meiburg:

I am pleased to submit the North Carolina Redesignation and Maintenance Plan for the North Carolina Great Smoky Mountains National Park, 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard. Enclosed is the complete package containing the redesignation demonstration and maintenance plan, the supporting documentation as to how the emissions estimates were developed, and the complete public notice record.

The request for public hearing, in accordance with 40 CFR 51.102, and the public comment period were noticed in the local newspapers on Friday, May 15, 2009. The public comment period was open from May 15, 2009, through July 1, 2009. No public hearing was requested and therefore the hearing scheduled for Monday, June 22, 2009, was cancelled. The cancellation was communicated to the public on Thursday, June 18, 2009.

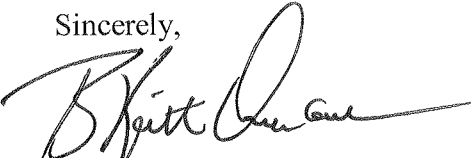
The maintenance plan includes three major items. The first is an analysis of the ambient air quality data demonstrating attainment with the 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard. The second is an emissions inventory comparison showing that the 8-hour ozone standard can be maintained for 10 years beyond the approval of the plan. The third is the contingency measures to be implemented in the event of an air quality violation or other indications of an impending violation. Thus the maintenance plan fulfills the requirements of Section 175 A (b) of the Federal Clean Air Act as amended.

The North Carolina Division of Air Quality had requested parallel processing when the pre-hearing draft was submitted. Therefore, I respectfully request that you commence the final federal approval process for the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, North Carolina, 1997 8-hour ozone nonattainment area redesignation demonstration and maintenance plan.

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If you should have any questions, please contact Janice Godfrey of my staff at (919) 715-7647 or Janice.Godfrey@ncdenr.gov.

Sincerely,



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