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Subject: Final Submittal of State Implementation Plan Revision and Clean Air Act Section 110(l) Noninterference Demonstration for Removing 26 Counties from North Carolina's Emissions Inspection and Maintenance (I&M) Program

Dear Mr. Glenn:

I am pleased to submit the State Implementation Plan (SIP) Revision and Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 110(l) Noninterference Demonstration for Removing 26 Counties from North Carolina's Emissions Inspection and Maintenance (I&M) Program. Enclosed is one hard copy of the complete package containing a markup copy of the I&M SIP Revision, the associated Section 110(l) Noninterference Demonstration, and an exact duplicate electronic copy on compact disk. The package also includes the on-road Motor Vehicle Emission Simulator (MOVES2014) model input and output electronic files on compact disk.

The DAQ issued a public notice announcement on October 5, 2017, in accordance with 40 CFR 51.102, indicating that the SIP Revision and CAA Section 110(l) Noninterference Demonstration for Removing 26 Counties from North Carolina's I&M Program was available for public comment and posted on the DAQ website for review. The public notice announcement indicated that anyone may request a public hearing.

In addition to posting on the website, the public notice announcement was sent to a number of email distribution lists managed by the DAQ that includes numerous stakeholders from industry and environmental groups. The DAQ believes 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.*"

Additionally, the Rich Site Summary (RSS) feed on the DAQ website offers regular delivery of changes to the website content to those that have signed up for it. The document was also made available for in person review during normal business hours at the DAQ Central Office in Raleigh and affected Regional Offices.


The public comment period was open from October 5, 2017 through November 6, 2017. The DAQ did not receive any requests for a public hearing. Comments were received from EPA and three members of the public. The EPA offered no comments at this time. Each of the three members of the public commented in support of the DAQ's request to EPA to remove the 26 counties from North Carolina's I&M program. The comments received during the public comment period did not require any

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revisions to these two submissions. Copies of the EPA "No Comment" letter and emails submitted by the commenters are provided in Appendix E - Public Notice Report.

With this submission, the DAQ believes it has in good faith addressed the requirements of CAA Section 110(l) relative to removing 26 counties from North Carolina's I&M program and requests that EPA approve the proposed revisions to the North Carolina I&M SIP. If you should have any questions, please contact Randy Strait at (919) 707-8721 or [randy.strait@ncdenr.gov](mailto:randy.strait@ncdenr.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael A. Abraczinskas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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