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Mr. Adam Ortiz, Regional Administrator U.S. EPA, Region III (3RA00) 1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

RE: Maintenance Plan Revision for the Weirton, West Virginia 2006 24-hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS, Comprising Brooke and Hancock Counties

Dear Administrator Ortiz:

On behalf of the State of West Virginia and in accordance with the requirements of Clean Air Act section 175A, I am herein requesting that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approve the *Maintenance Plan Revision for the Weirton, West Virginia 2006 24-hour PM*<sub>2.5</sub> *NAAQS, Comprising Brooke and Hancock Counties* as a revision to the State Implementation Plan (SIP). I am requesting EPA approve said maintenance plan as meeting the requirement for states to submit a revision to the SIP eight years after redesignation of an area to attainment under Clean Air Act section 107(d), to provide for maintenance of the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ten years after the expiration of the 10-year period approved under CAA section 175A(a).

The enclosed SIP revision includes the *Maintenance Plan Revision for the Weirton, West Virginia* 2006 24-hour  $PM_{2.5}$  NAAQS, Comprising Brooke and Hancock Counties and associated appendices. The SIP revision includes documentation that proper administrative procedural requirements have been followed. We certify that the public hearing required by 40 CFR § 51.102(a) was held in accordance with the applicable state law and the requirements of 40 CFR § 51.102(d).

If you have any questions regarding this submittal or require additional information, please contact Laura M. Crowder, Director of the Division of Air Quality at (304) 926-0475.

Sincerely,

Harold D. Ward Cabinet Secretary

HW/ts Enclosure Cc: Cristina Fernandez, EPA Region 3 Laura M. Crowder, WVDAQ

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