



July 16, 2024

Via Electronic Transmission

Mr. Adam Ortiz
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 3
Four Penn Center
1600 JFK Blvd.
Philadelphia, PA 19103

RE: Voluntary Reclassification of the Multistate Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-MD-DE Ozone Moderate Nonattainment Area to Serious Nonattainment.

Dear Regional Administrator Ortiz:

I am requesting the voluntary reclassification of the multistate Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-MD-DE Nonattainment Area (Philadelphia Area) for the 2015 ozone standard from moderate to serious under §181(b)(3) of Clean Air Act. The request is made by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, but it is also reliant on similar requests made by New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland. Based on the 2023 ozone design value, preliminary monitoring data to date for 2024 and the stay of the Good Neighbor Plan, Philadelphia's Bristol Monitor will not attain the 2015 Ozone NAAQS by the August 3, 2024 statutory attainment date.

Thank you for your assistance in acting quickly on this voluntary reclassification request. This will provide Pennsylvania with the opportunity to meet the standard before August 3, 2027 and avoid sanctions. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Nicholas Lazor, Director of the Bureau of Air Quality, by email at nlazor@pa.gov or by telephone at (717) 772-3952. We look forward to continued collaboration in our efforts address Ozone Nonattainment in the Philadelphia Area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessica Shirley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jessica Shirley
Acting Secretary

Secretary

CC: New Jersey DEP Commissioner Shawn M. LaTourette
Delaware DNREC Secretary Shawn M. Garvin
Maryland Department of the Environment Secretary Serena McIlwain
Philadelphia Mayor Chelle Parker
EPA Region 2
EPA Region 3