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Dear Mr. Ziadeh:

This is in response to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's (PADEP) December 12, 2022 revision to the Pennsylvania state implementation plan (SIP). The SIP revision establishes volatile organic compounds (VOC) emission limitations and other reasonably available control technology (RACT) requirements for certain oil and natural gas industry sources in Pennsylvania, and is intended to address the Clean Air Act (CAA) RACT control requirements triggered by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 2016 *Control Techniques Guidelines for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry* (2016 Oil & Gas CTG), for both the 2008 and 2015 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).

We have evaluated the December 12, 2022 SIP revision submittal against the SIP completeness criteria found in Title 40, Part 51, Appendix V of the Code of Federal Regulations, and have determined that the submittal is administratively complete. This completeness determination rescinds the offset sanctions which took effect on June 16, 2022 as a result of EPA's November 16, 2020 Finding of Failure to Submit (FFS) (85 FR 72963), which found that Pennsylvania failed to submit a SIP revision addressing the 2016 Oil & Gas CTG for the 2008 ozone NAAQS, and stops the imposition of federal highway funding sanctions that were set to take effect in Pennsylvania on December 16, 2022. The completeness finding also stops the sanctions clock triggered by EPA's December 16, 2021 FFS that was issued based upon Pennsylvania's failure to submit a SIP revision addressing the 2016 Oil & Gas CTGs for the 2015 ozone NAAQS. 86 FR 71385.

EPA will evaluate the approvability of this SIP submission in accordance with the requirements of the CAA. We look forward to continuing to work with PADEP in its efforts to attain and maintain the ozone NAAQS. If members of your staff have any questions, they may direct them to Michael Gordon, Branch Chief of the Planning and Implementation Branch, at (215) 814-2039, or at



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Sincerely,

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