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Ms. Cathy Stepp
Regional Administrator
U.S. EPA, Region 5
77 West Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Re: Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan for the Lake County, Ohio 1-Hour SO₂ Nonattainment Area

Dear Administrator Stepp:

On August 15, 2013, U.S. EPA published (78 FR 47191) the initial sulfur dioxide (SO₂) nonattainment area designations for the 1-hour SO₂ national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) across the country (effective October 4, 2013). Four areas of Ohio were designated nonattainment. I am writing to formally request a redesignation to attainment of the Lake county, Ohio nonattainment area. The enclosed submittal combines the redesignation request and the required maintenance plan for this area.

Monitoring of existing air quality indicates that the 2010 NAAQS for SO₂ has been attained throughout this area based on 2015-2017 air quality data. The permanent shutdown of the Eastlake power plant and federally enforceable restrictions at Painesville Municipal Power, both located in this area, have resulted in significant SO₂ emission reductions. Ohio's analyses indicate that maintenance of the NAAQS will be ensured indefinitely into the future.

In accordance with U.S. EPA's March 20, 2015 memorandum entitled "Updated Guidance for Area Designations for the 2010 Primary Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard", Ohio EPA is requesting this area be redesignated to "attainment" and not "unclassifiable" or "unclassifiable/attainment." Ohio EPA has provided more than sufficient evidence that violations are not occurring in the area since the shutdown of the Eastlake Power Plant and federally enforceable restrictions at Painesville Municipal Power.

Ohio EPA notified the public of the opportunity to provide comments on the draft or request a hearing on February 1, 2018. No comments or requests for a hearing were received.

If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Van Vlerah in our Division of Air Pollution Control at (614) 644-3696.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Butler". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Craig Butler
Director

Cc: Bob Hodanbosi, Chief, Division of Air Pollution Control, Ohio EPA

Enclosure