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Honorable Judith A. Enck
Regional Administrator
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RE: New Jersey Ozone RACT/2011 Periodic Emission Inventory/
Carbon Monoxide Maintenance and Monitoring Plan

Dear Regional Administrator Enck:

Enclosed for your review and approval is a revision to New Jersey's State Implementation Plan (SIP). This SIP submittal includes the State's Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) Determination for ozone, the 2011 periodic emission inventory, and the carbon monoxide maintenance and monitoring plan. The proposed SIP revision was submitted to you on July 21, 2014.

This SIP revision addresses RACT obligations for the 75 ppb ozone standard pursuant to the Clean Air Act as they apply to states within the Ozone Transport Region. This includes a RACT assessment and New Jersey's commitments to propose rule revisions to further reduce the emissions of the ozone precursors, nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compounds, in accordance with the New Jersey Administrative Procedures Act (APA) (N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et. seq.) and the Air Pollution Control Act (APCA) (N.J.S.A. 26:2C-1 et. seq.).

This SIP revision also contains New Jersey's full air quality emission inventory for 2011, with the presentation of data focusing on ozone precursor pollutants. The trend data demonstrates significant reductions in air pollutant emissions in New Jersey since 2002.

In addition, the SIP revision contains a 10-year maintenance plan for the northern New Jersey carbon monoxide maintenance area. Once approved, this will effectively close the book on carbon monoxide, since air quality levels are well under the health standard.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) held a public hearing on the proposed SIP revision on September 11, 2014, and accepted written comments relevant to the proposal until the close of business on September 18, 2014. The comments received, as well as the State's responses to those comments, are included as a part of the enclosed document in Appendix IV.

We appreciate the assistance your staff provided New Jersey in preparing this SIP revision. If you or your staff has any questions, please contact Ms. Sharon Davis, Air Quality Planning Section Chief, at (609) 292-6722.

Sincerely,

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