



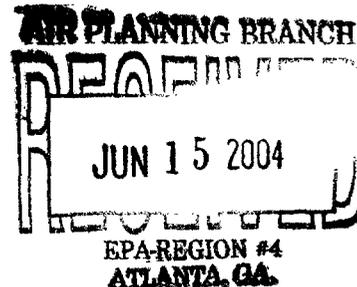
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Dear Ms. Prince:

I am pleased to submit the 1-hour ozone maintenance plan updates for the Raleigh/Durham and Greensboro/Winston-Salem/High Point maintenance areas. Enclosed is the complete package containing the maintenance plan, the supporting documentation as to how the emission estimates were developed, and the complete hearing record including comments and responses. The State's public hearings took place on January 21 and 22, 2004, in Raleigh and Winston-Salem, respectively.

The submittal includes three major items. The first is an analysis of the ambient air quality data demonstrating continued maintenance with the 1-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard. The second is an emissions inventory comparison showing that the 1-hour ozone standard can be maintained an additional 10 years. The third is the contingency measures to be implemented in the event of an air quality violation or other indications of an impending violation.

I respectfully request that you commence the federal approval process for the Raleigh/Durham and Greensboro/Winston-Salem/High Point maintenance areas.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

B. Keith Overcash, P.E.

Enclosure

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