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Francis X. Lyons  
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Re: Request for Redesignation and Limited  
Maintenance Plan for CO Attainment in  
Lake County and Marion County,  
Indiana

Dear Mr. Lyons:

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) herewith submits the enclosed Request for Redesignation and Limited Maintenance Plan for CO Attainment in Lake County and Marion County. This submittal demonstrates that Lake and Marion Counties have met the primary health standards for carbon monoxide (CO) and that those counties should be redesignated to attainment for CO.

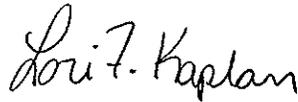
On March 3, 1978, U.S. EPA designated Lake and Marion Counties as primary nonattainment areas for the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for carbon monoxide. Section 107 (d) (3) (E) of the Clean Air Act states that in order for a county to have its status redesignated to attainment, it must meet several requirements established by U.S. EPA. These are:

- 1) Ambient monitoring data showing that the county has met the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for the past three years.
- 2) Air quality improvements that can be attributed to reductions in CO emissions which are permanent and enforceable.
- 3) A maintenance plan that assures continued attainment of the standard.

The enclosed Request for Redesignation and Limited Maintenance Plan for CO Attainment in Lake County and Marion County demonstrates with detailed evidence how Indiana has met each of these requirements.

Throughout the development of this redesignation request, staff of the IDEM Office of Air Management worked closely with your staff to identify and resolve all potential issues of concern to U.S. EPA. The Department requests that U.S. EPA approve the Lake County and Marion County redesignation. If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact Kathryn Watson, Chief, Air Programs Branch at (317) 233-5694.

Sincerely,



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