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Mr. Kurt Thiede
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U.S. EPA, Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60604-3950

Re: Withdrawal and Replacement of Section 182(f) NO_x Exemption Request for the Indiana Portion (Lake and Porter Counties) of the Chicago-Naperville, Illinois-Indiana-Wisconsin (IL-IN-WI) 2008 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area

Dear Mr. Thiede:

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) requests an exemption from the Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) requirements for major stationary sources of nitrogen oxides (NO_x) in Lake and Porter counties, Indiana as provided under Section 182(f) of the Clean Air Act (CAA). RACT is included as part of the implementation of the 2008 8-hour ozone standard for subpart 3, serious nonattainment areas.

Specifically, this request seeks to exempt major stationary sources of NO_x (as defined in Section 302 and Subsections 182(c) and (d) of the CAA from the RACT requirements of Section 182(b)(2)), based on the fact that the entire nonattainment area, as the result of permanent and enforceable emission control measures, has recorded three (3) years of complete, quality assured ambient air quality monitoring data for the years 2017 – 2019 demonstrating attainment of the 2008 8-hour ozone standard, as shown in Table 1. As such, the area is eligible for a waiver of NO_x RACT requirements, as specified in Section 182(f)(1)(A) of the CAA.

Table 1: Annual 4th Highs and Design Values for the Chicago-Naperville, IL-IN-WI 2008 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area, 2017 – 2019*

Monitors				Annual 4th High (ppm)			Design Values (average of 4th highs) (ppm)
AQS #	**State**	**County**	**Site**	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**	**2017-2019**
18-089-0022	Indiana	Lake	Gary - IITRI	0.070	0.071	0.065	0.068
18-089-2008	Indiana	Lake	Hammond	0.069	0.062	0.065	0.065
18-127-0024	Indiana	Porter	Ogden Dunes	0.072	0.071	0.068	0.070
18-127-0026	Indiana	Porter	Valparaiso	0.077	0.071	0.071	0.073
17-031-0001	Illinois	Cook	Alsip	0.078	0.079	0.070	0.075
17-031-0032	Illinois	Cook	Chicago - SWFP	0.074	0.076	0.071	0.073
17-031-0076	Illinois	Cook	Chicago-Com Ed	0.078	0.074	0.065	0.072
17-031-1003	Illinois	Cook	Chicago-Taft	0.060	0.073	0.069	0.067
17-031-1601	Illinois	Cook	Lemont	0.070	0.068	0.068	0.068
17-031-3103	Illinois	Cook	Schiller Park	0.061	0.065	0.064	0.063
17-031-4002	Illinois	Cook	Cicero	0.068	0.072	0.064	0.068
17-031-4007	Illinois	Cook	Des Plaines	0.071	0.075	0.066	0.070
17-031-4201	Illinois	Cook	Northbrook	0.070	0.083	0.069	0.074
17-031-7002	Illinois	Cook	Evanston	0.073	0.084	0.069	0.075
17-043-6001	Illinois	DuPage	Lisle	0.069	0.071	0.070	0.070
17-089-0005	Illinois	Kane	Elgin	0.069	0.072	0.071	0.070
17-097-1007	Illinois	Lake	Zion	0.074	0.074	0.066	0.071
17-111-0001	Illinois	McHenry	Cary	0.070	0.074	0.070	0.071
17-197-1011	Illinois	Will	Braidwood	0.068	0.071	0.060	0.066
55-059-0019	Wisconsin	Kenosha	Chiwaukee	0.079	0.079	0.067	0.075
55-059-0025	Wisconsin	Kenosha	Water Tower	0.076	0.080	0.063	0.073

* Illinois Data Not Certified

IDEM also submits a request to withdrawal the Section 182(f) NO_x Exemption Request for the Indiana Portion (Lake and Porter Counties) of the Chicago-Naperville, Illinois-Indiana-Wisconsin (IL-IN-WI) 2008 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area submitted on February 10, 2017. IDEM withdrawals the NO_x exemption request under the "moderate" classification as it is no longer applicable in light of the area's bump-up to "serious" nonattainment for the 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS, effective September 23, 2019.

Throughout the development of these submittals IDEM staff worked with U.S. EPA Region 5 to ensure that any potential concerns regarding this submission were addressed. We would appreciate U.S. EPA's continued efforts to communicate regularly with us as it reviews these submittals.

This submittal consists of one (1) hard copy of the required documentation. An electronic version of the submittal in PDF format that is identical to the hard copy has been sent to Doug Aburano, Chief of U.S. EPA Region 5's Attainment Planning and Maintenance Section and Chris Panos of U.S. EPA Region 5.

IDEM requests that U.S. EPA proceed with review and approval of this submittal. If you have any question or need additional information, please contact Brian Callahan, Section Chief, Air Quality Standards and Implementation, Office of Air Quality, IDEM, at (317) 232-8244 or bcallaha@idem.IN.gov.

Sincerely,

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