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November 30, 2017

Mr. Robert Kaplan
Acting Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3950

Dear Mr. Kaplan:

Re: Request for Withdrawal of the Request for
Redesignation and Maintenance Plan for Ozone
Attainment of Indiana's Portion (Lake and Porter
Counties) of the Chicago-Naperville, IL-IN-WI, 2008
8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) is hereby withdrawing the Request for Redesignation and Maintenance Plan for Ozone Attainment of Indiana's Portion (Lake and Porter Counties) of the Chicago-Naperville, IL-IN-WI, 2008 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area. It was submitted to United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) for review and approval on June 15, 2016.

This letter is in response to U.S. EPA's re-classification of the nonattainment area to "moderate" effective June 3, 2016. That final ruling was due to the fact that the area did not attain the 2008 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) by the attainment deadline of July 20, 2015. As such, Indiana is subject to Clean Air Act (CAA) moderate nonattainment area requirements with a revised attainment date of July 20, 2018.

On February 28, 2017, Indiana submitted Section 172 and 182 Requirements for Indiana's Portion (Lake and Porter Counties) of the Chicago-Naperville, IL-IN-WI, 2008 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area. These documents demonstrate that the nonattainment area will meet the 2008 8-hour ozone standard by July 20, 2018, and beyond. Throughout the development of these documents IDEM staff worked with U.S. EPA to ensure that any potential concerns regarding the submission were addressed. Therefore, IDEM withdraws the June 15, 2016 redesignation submittal and requests that your agency proceed with its review and approval of the February 28, 2017, Section 172 and 182 Requirements submittal.

This request letter consists of one (1) hardcopy of the required documentation. An electronic version in PDF format that is identical to the hardcopy 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.

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If you have any question or need additional information concerning this matter please contact Scott Deloney, Chief, Air Quality Programs Branch, Office of Air Quality, IDEM at (317) 233-5694 or sdeloney@idem.IN.gov.

Sincerely,



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