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Ms. Lisa Garcia  
Regional Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2  
290 Broadway, 26<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10007-1866

Re: Voluntary Reclassification Request for the New York state portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT nonattainment area for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard

Dear Administrator Garcia:

On behalf of the Governor of the State of New York, I am submitting for approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) a voluntary request to reclassify the New York state portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT nonattainment area from "Moderate" to "Serious" nonattainment for the 2015 ozone national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) pursuant to Clean Air Act Section 181(b)(3).

Ozone nonattainment areas with a "Moderate" classification for the 2015 NAAQS have an attainment date of August 3, 2024. Certified 2023 ozone design values indicate that the Stratford and Westport monitors in the Connecticut portion of the nonattainment area have the highest design values in the nonattainment area at 0.082 ppm, and therefore determine the attainment status of the entire area. Reclassification of the area to "Serious" nonattainment will establish a new attainment date of August 3, 2027.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Robert Bielawa or Ms. Amanda Bonville at 518-402-8396.

Sincerely,



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