

December 9, 2013

Thomas Easterly, Commissioner  
Indiana Department of Environmental Management  
MC50-01, Room 1301  
100 N. Senate Avenue  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2251

Dear Commissioner Easterly:

The undersigned Mid-Atlantic and Northeast state environmental Commissioners write to follow-up to our previous correspondence in late May inviting Indiana and eight other states to join the Ozone Transport Commission (OTC). The responses we have received from the other states have generally expressed an interest in working with our states on a technical collaboration on ozone transport. Our Air Directors have begun discussions about this technical collaboration. We encourage your state's active participation in those discussions.

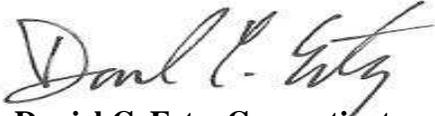
Moving the collaborative process ahead quickly is a high priority, as exposure to unhealthy levels of ozone continues to be a problem in all of our states. Our objective over the course of the next year, based on our collaborative work, is to identify and reach broad consensus on a set of measures to reduce ozone transport, and to formally memorialize an agreement to move forward with implementation of the measures in a memorandum of agreement or other similar document.

We are committed to this collaborative process, and are hopeful that it will result in a workable, effective solution to the ozone transport problem. Given the uncertainty about the outcome of this process and the urgency of reducing ozone levels in our states, however, we are compelled to pursue all possible avenues to achieve our goals. In this regard, we have submitted a Clean Air Act §176A petition to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requesting EPA to add your state and eight others to the Ozone Transport Region. A courtesy copy of the Petition is enclosed.

The §176A petition process is one of the tools that Congress provided in the Clean Air Act to address ozone transport. Section 176A requires EPA to solicit public input and make a decision on the Petition within 18 months. In the meantime and independently of the §176A petition process, we look forward to working collaboratively with you and other upwind states to find mutually acceptable solutions to address the impact of transport on air quality in the Northeastern and Mid-Atlantic United States.

We look forward to working with you on our shared ozone transport problem, and please do not hesitate to call any of us if you wish to discuss these matters further.

Sincerely,



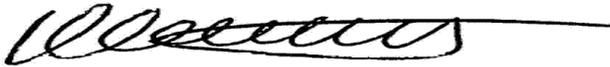
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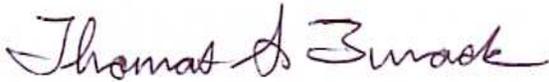
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