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November 28, 2012

Dennis M. McLerran, Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10
1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900
Seattle, WA 98101-3140

RE: Tacoma-Pierce County Nonattainment Area SIP revision

Dear Mr. McLerran:

As the Governor's designee for the State Implementation Plan (SIP), I am submitting this SIP revision for the Tacoma-Pierce County Nonattainment Area (Nonattainment Area) for your approval as a part of the Washington SIP. The SIP revision details Washington's plan to improve air quality in the Nonattainment Area. The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) adopted the SIP revision effective November 28, 2012.

On September 4, 2012, EPA made a Clean Data Determination for the Nonattainment Area which suspended most SIP planning requirements. I am submitting the following:

- The required 2008 baseline emissions inventory for the Nonattainment Area (Appendix A to the SIP revision) for EPA approval.
- Puget Sound Clean Air Agency's (PSCAA) Regulation 1-13 Solid Fuel Burning Devices (Appendix B) for EPA approval. This rule will improve air quality in the Nonattainment Area and strengthen the Washington SIP. The PSCAA Board adopted this regulation on October 25, 2012 in accordance with state law. The rule will be effective December 1, 2012. Ecology's public notice clearly stated that we would submit these rules to EPA for approval.

Ecology published notice in two Washington State newspapers on September 10, 2012 which meets the requirement for 31 days advance notice of the hearing. Ecology received oral testimony and written comments. The SIP revision includes a compilation of public comments Ecology received and Ecology's responses to those comments (Appendix G). The SIP revision includes a certification that Ecology held the public hearing in accordance with public notice and the public hearing requirements of 40 CFR §51.102. Ecology met all state and federal procedural requirements.



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I am enclosing one electronic and one paper copy of the SIP revision. The electronic copy (on enclosed CD) contains an exact duplicate of the hard copy as well as additional data files supporting and referenced in the submittal. Attachment A of this letter includes a list of these additional materials.

If you have any questions on this submittal, please contact Richelle Perez at (360) 407-7528 or via email at richelle.perez@ecy.wa.gov or Doug Schneider at (360) 407-6874 or via email at doug.schneider@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



Ted Sturdevant
Director

Enclosures

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Stu Clark, Program Manager, Air Quality Program (w/o enclosures)
Records file (w/ enclosures)

Attachment A – Support Materials on Enclosed CD

- PSCAA's Board Resolution NO. 1238
http://www.pscleanair.org/announce/hearings/documents/0212_RES1238.pdf
- Substitute House Bill 2326 Chapter 219, Laws of 2012
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/documents/billdocs/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Session%20Laws/House/2326-S.SL.pdf>
- Tacoma-Pierce County Clean Air Task Force – Report and Recommendations to Puget Sound Clean Air Agency
http://www.cleanairpiercecounty.org/taskforce/CleanAirTaskForceReport_FullReport.pdf
- Clean Air Performance Commitment (CAPC) Memorandum of Understanding
<http://www1.pscleanair.org/announce/hearings/documents/100420MOUfinal.pdf>
- Chapter 36.70A RCW (Revised Code of Washington) Growth management – planning by selected counties and cities
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=36.70A&full=true>
- RCW 70.94.457 Solid fuel burning devices – Emission performance standards
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70.94.457>
- (Washington Administrative Code) WAC 173-433-100 – Solid fuel burning devices
<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/publications/wac173433.pdf>
- Summary Technical Report in Support of PM^{2.5} Clean Air Performance Commitment (CAPC) Process for Tacoma Washington
<http://www1.pscleanair.org/programs/community/nonattainment/fineparticulatematter/tacomapierce/Tacoma%20PM2.5%20CAPC%20Tech%20Report%20-%20Oct%2014%202010.pdf>
- Sources of Fine Particles in the Wapato Hills-Puyallup River Valley PM_{2.5} Nonattainment Area
<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/pubs/1002009.pdf>
- 2008 National Emissions Inventory
<http://www.epa.gov/ttnchie1/net/2008inventory.html>