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> Reference: Ozone Advance Action Plan, Hampton Roads Ozone Maintenance Area

Dear Ms. Bunte:

Douglas W. Domenech Secretary of Natural Resources

The purpose of this letter is to officially submit an Ozone Advance Action Plan for the Hampton Roads area of Virginia. The plan has been developed by the Commonwealth in order to meet its overall clean air goals under the federal Clean Air Act by attaining and maintaining the ambient air quality standards promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the Act.

This Ozone Advance Action Plan covers the Hampton Roads Ozone Maintenance Area, which consists of the counties of Gloucester, Isle of Wight, James City and York, and the cities of Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Poquoson, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach and Williamsburg. On May 21, 2012, EPA designated this area as attainment for the 2008 ozone national ambient air quality standard. To help ensure continued clean air, leaders from these jurisdictions have worked cooperatively with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and stakeholders to create this plan, which details clean air programs that are in place and will be implemented to reduce ozone precursors. Air quality in the area will continue to improve through the implementation of these programs. Major stakeholders in this process include the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization; the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy; the Virginia Department of Transportation; Virginia Port Authority; Dominion Virginia Power; Virginia Clean Cities Coalition; and Hampton Roads TRAFFIX. Actions taken as part of this plan, and various upwind reductions of ozone and particulate matter, will continue to improve air quality well into the future.

Included are the following:

- 1. Ozone Advance Action Plan.
- 2. Certification of public participation activities.
- 3. Public participation record.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let us know.

Sincerely,

David K. Paylor

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