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Dear Mr. Talley:

This correspondence is being sent to provide you with the final status of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency title V program evaluation conducted May 17-18, 2016. The purpose of the program review was for the EPA to evaluate the status and the ability of the Louisville Metro Air Pollution Control District (the District) to carry out the duties and responsibilities required to effectively run the title V programs as well as find out how the EPA can best assist the District in meeting these commitments. The program evaluation consisted of a review of title V revenue and expenses, staffing plans, public participation, permit files and follow-up on previously identified program evaluation concerns, including the reduction of the title V permit backlog and the delay in issuing synthetic minor operating permits.

As a result of the findings during the July 27, 2011, program evaluation, the District developed a detailed plan to significantly reduce its backlog of 61 Federally Enforceable District-Origin Operating Permits (FEDOOPs) operating without a permit. As of May 17, 2016, the District has reduced the total FEDOOPs in need of a permit to 14 and expects to completely eliminate this backlog by the end of 2016. In addition, the District also had to develop a detailed plan to eliminate its backlog of 23 title V permits operating under extended permit status. As of May 17, 2016, the District has reduced the title V renewal permit backlog to two. Of these remaining two permits, the District projects to issue one within the year. Based on the results thus far (and the projected timeline to completely eliminate these issues) the District has been successful in addressing these areas of concern.

I would like to thank you and your staff for your cooperation throughout the evaluation. Your staff responded to the questionnaires and provided all requested material in a timely and professional manner. Based on this review, the EPA believes that the District is now operating the title V program in accordance with the requirements set forth in 40 CFR part 70 and looks forward to continuing to working with the District to maintain an effective title V program. I commend you on the performance of your title V program. This evaluation is now complete and will be kept on file at the EPA Region 4 office and on the Region 4 website.

If you have any questions regarding the report, please do not hesitate to contact me or have your staff contact Randy Terry of the EPA Region 4 staff at (404) 562-9032 or by email at terry.randy@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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