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PM Advance U. S. Environmental Protection Agency c/o Laura Bunte, Mail Code C304-01 109 TW Alexander Drive Research Triangle Park, NC 27711

Dear Ms. Bunte:

I am pleased to submit the State of Delaware's Year 1 Summary and Year 2 Plan for the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) "PM Advance" program. The Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, Division of Air Quality (DAQ) looks forward to continuing this collaborative and voluntary effort between DAQ, EPA and stakeholders, in order to maintain Delaware's fine particulate (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) attainment status under the current National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), as well as any new PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS in the future.

The effective date of Delaware's original *Path Forward* (the Plan) was September 5, 2015, which began "Year 1" of a 5-year Plan. As part of the 5-year Plan, DAQ will report annually to EPA on the programs contained within this document, as well as new programs developed during each year and anticipated in the subsequent year. DAQ will be moving to a calendar year schedule for its PM Advance reports. Therefore, the next report to EPA will summarize activities through December 31, 2017 and identify projects and activities anticipated to take place in 2018.

Please feel free to contact me or Renae Held, (302) 739-9402, if you have any questions concerning the attached report.

Sincerely,

Ali Mirzakhalili, P.E.

Director

Attachment

Cc: Maria Pino, EPA Region 3, w/attach.

Renae Held, DNREC