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Dear Secretary McDonnell:

By letter and enclosures dated November 16, 2021, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) submitted to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) an annual ambient air monitoring network plan in accordance with the regulatory requirements of 40 CFR Part 58 - Standards for Ambient Air Quality Surveillance. Based on our review, EPA hereby approves PADEP's November 16, 2021, annual ambient air monitoring network plan on the basis that the plan meets the requirements of 40 CFR Part 58.

Additionally, 40 CFR Section 58.11(c) requires any changes to the air monitoring network or design of the Particulate Matter Speciation Trends Network (STN) and the National Core Monitoring Network (NCore) air monitoring systems to be approved by the EPA Administrator. However, since there have been no changes to either of these two air monitoring systems, EPA has determined that PADEP's 2021 annual ambient air monitoring network plan does not require further review and approval from the EPA Administrator.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or have your staff contact Ms. Cristina Fernández, Director, Air and Radiation Division, at 215-814-2178 or via e-mail at [fernandez.cristina@epa.gov](mailto:fernandez.cristina@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

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