



December 8, 2025

Ms. Anne Vogel
Regional Administrator
U.S. EPA, Region 5
77 West Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Re: Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan for the Cleveland, OH 2015 Ozone Nonattainment Area

Dear Administrator Vogel:

I am writing to formally request a redesignation to attainment of the Cleveland, OH area (Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage, and Summit Counties) with respect to the 2015 eight-hour ozone standard. The enclosed submittal combines the redesignation request and the required maintenance plan for this area.

Monitoring of existing air quality indicates that the 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ozone has been attained throughout this area based on certified 2023-2025 air quality data, contingent upon U.S. EPA concurrence with Ohio's Exceptional Events Demonstrations. These demonstrations are being submitted under a separate request letter but all public participation activities occurred simultaneously.

Emissions projections indicate that current controls, existing State rules, existing federal rules, and Ohio's PSD program will be more than sufficient to maintain the NAAQS indefinitely into the future. These programs will, therefore, constitute the attainment and maintenance plan for the Cleveland, OH area.

The enclosed information, compiled by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), Ohio Department of Transportation, and the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency shows significant emission reductions in mobile, point and nonpoint sources since ambient violations have occurred. A significant portion of the improved air quality can be attributed to federal programs for the mobile source sector, and the regional reductions associated with the transport programs.

Ohio published notification for the public comment period on the draft redesignation request and maintenance plan on November 3, 2025. A public hearing was held on December 3, 2025 and the comment period ended December 4, 2025. Ohio EPA did receive comments in support of Ohio's request. These comments are included in our submittal.

I am requesting that this redesignation request be processed by U.S. EPA as expeditiously as possible.

Ohio EPA is submitting this SIP via U.S. EPA's State Planning Electronic Collaboration System (SPeCS). If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Van Vlerah in our Division of Air Pollution Control at (614) 644-3696.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Logue', is positioned above the printed name and title.

John Logue
Director

Cc: Bob Hodanbosi, Chief, Division of Air Pollution Control, Ohio EPA