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Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters
Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Mail Code 1101A
Washington, DC 20460

Re: South Carolina Petition for Reconsideration: 2008 Ozone NAAQS Designations

Dear Administrator Jackson:

On April 30, 2012, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) designated the eastern part of York County, South Carolina "nonattainment" for the 2008 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). The EPA included this portion of York County in the Charlotte-Gastonia-Salisbury, NC-SC (Charlotte) nonattainment area based on their belief that this part of York County contributed to the ozone violations in Charlotte.

After consultation with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) along with other private stakeholders and public jurisdictions in the area, York County believes this determination was rushed and made without adequate time to fully consider DHEC's submissions, that the EPA provided insufficient consultation and detail in its Technical Support Documentation (TSD) to give us a clear understanding of the rationale used in making this decision, and, further, that there was an inconsistent application of scientific rationale. Consequently, the York County Council has authorized me to submit this letter of support; joining DHEC in their request that the EPA reconsider this decision in light of the Petition for Reconsideration referenced above as was submitted by DHEC to the EPA on July 20, 2012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James E. Baker", written over a white circular stamp.

James E. Baker
York County Manager

cc: Bill Harris, Chief, Catawba Indian Nation
Randy Imler, Executive Director, Catawba Council of Governments
Danny Funderburk, Mayor, Fort Mill, South Carolina
George Sheppard, Mayor, Tega Cay, South Carolina
Doug Echols, Mayor, Rock Hill, South Carolina
Myra C. Reece, Chief, Bureau of Air Quality, DHEC