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The Secretary

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Mr. Bradley Campbell
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region III
1650 Arch Street
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Dear Brad:

Enclosed is the Commonwealth's application for authorization under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). The Commonwealth is seeking authorization for all of the program elements promulgated by EPA through July 6, 1999, exclusive of the base program for which the Commonwealth was previously authorized. The Program Description also describes the elements of the federal program for which the Commonwealth is not seeking authorization at this time. This application package addresses the statutory and regulatory provisions required for revision of the Commonwealth's program authorization under RCRA, and demonstrates that the tests for an equivalent, consistent and no less stringent program are fully met.

Your program staffs' comments on all of the enclosed documents have been addressed in these final documents. The enclosed revision application contains the following elements as required by 40 CFR 271 (relating to requirements for authorization of state hazardous waste programs):

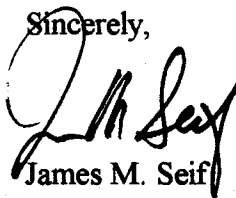
- a complete Program Description, as required by 40 CFR 271.6, describing how the Commonwealth intends to carry out its responsibilities under this subpart;
- Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General legal statement as required by 40 CFR 271.7;
- a Memorandum of Agreement with the Regional Administrator as required by 40 CFR 271.8; and
- copies of all applicable Commonwealth statutes and regulations, including those governing Commonwealth administrative procedures.

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For the past 14 years, since the Commonwealth's base program authorization in 1986, our respective staff have worked diligently together toward a mutual goal -- a clean and safe environment for the citizens of the Commonwealth. We look forward to your favorable consideration of our application and to continuing to work together in the same spirit of cooperation and professionalism that we have shared in the past.

Sincerely,



James M. Seif
Secretary

Enclosures