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Reference: Ozone Advance Action Plan, Richmond-Petersburg Ozone Maintenance Area

Dear Ms. Bunte:

The purpose of this letter is to officially submit an Ozone Advance Action Plan for the Richmond-Petersburg, Virginia area. The plan has been developed by the Commonwealth in order to meet its overall clean air goals under the federal Clean Air Act by attaining and maintaining the ambient air quality standards promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the Act.

This Ozone Advance Action Plan covers the Richmond-Petersburg 1997 Ozone NAAQS Maintenance Area, which consists of the counties of Charles City, Chesterfield, Hanover, Henrico, and Prince George, and the cities of Colonial Heights, Hopewell, Petersburg, and Richmond. On May 21, 2012, EPA designated this area as attainment/maintenance for the 2008 ozone national ambient air quality standard. To help ensure continued clean air, leaders from these jurisdictions have worked cooperatively with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and stakeholders to create the plan, which details the clean air programs that are in place and will be implemented to reduce the formation of ozone. Air quality in the area will continue to improve through the implementation of these programs. Major stakeholders in this process include the Richmond Area Metropolitan Planning Organization; the Crater Metropolitan Planning Organization; the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy; the Virginia Department of Transportation; Virginia Port Authority; United States Army Military Base Fort

Lee; Dominion Virginia Power; Virginia Clean Cities Coalition; Richmond RideFinders; and Virginia Commonwealth University. Actions taken as part of the plan, and various upwind reductions of ozone and particulate matter, will continue to improve air quality well into the future.

Included are the following:

1. Ozone Advance Action Plan.

2. Certification of public participation activities.

3. Public participation record.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let us know.

Sincerely,

David K. Paylor

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