



REGION 4 ADMINISTRATOR

ATLANTA, GA 30303

October 21, 2024

Michael Kennedy, P.E.
Director
Kentucky Division for Air Quality
300 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-6571

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

Thank you for your letter dated August 1, 2024, titled "Request for One Year Extension of the 2015 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) Attainment Date for the Louisville, KY-IN Moderate Nonattainment Area."¹ Your letter asserts that the Louisville, KY-IN Area (the Area) is qualified for a one-year extension of the moderate attainment date for the 2015 ozone NAAQS based on an evaluation of 2024 monitoring data. As indicated in the EPA's 2015 ozone Determinations of Attainment by the Attainment Date final rule,² 2023 monitoring data is the appropriate data to review for any request for a one-year extension of the moderate attainment date for the 2015 ozone NAAQS. Currently, the 2023 monitoring data shows the fourth highest daily 8-hour averages above 70 parts per billion compliance level at four monitors in the Area, and thus the Area does not appear to meet the requirement³ for a one-year extension of the moderate attainment date.

The EPA understands the Louisville Metro Air Pollution Control District, in collaboration with the Commonwealth of Kentucky Division for Air Quality, is working diligently on exceptional event demonstrations for 2023 data exceedances. Until the exceptional event demonstrations have been evaluated by the EPA, it is unclear whether the Area could qualify for a one-year extension of the moderate attainment date. We appreciate your work on this and encourage you to reengage with the EPA after your development and submission of the exceptional event demonstrations.

Sincerely,

Jeaneanne M. Gettle
Acting Regional Administrator

¹ The EPA received the extension request letter through SPeCS on August 13, 2024.

² See 87 FR 60897, 60900 (October 7, 2022).

³ See 40 CFR 51.1307.