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A. Stanley Meiburg  
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Atlanta Federal Center  
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Dear Mr. Meiburg:

I am pleased to submit the Reasonable Further Progress State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the North Carolina portion of the Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, NC SC 8 Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area (referred to as the Metrolina area.) Enclosed is one hard copy of this demonstration and an exact duplicate electronic copy on compact disk. The enclosure documents that the Metrolina area demonstrates reasonable further progress for the 1997 8-hour ozone national ambient air quality standard, fulfilling requirements of Section 172(c) of the Federal Clean Air Act as amended.

A public comment period was open from October 12, 2009 through November 13, 2009. A public hearing was held on Friday, November 13, 2009, in Charlotte, North Carolina. The comments received during the public comment period and the hearing officer's report are included in Appendix H.

As a SIP strengthening measure, North Carolina has established not only the required volatile organic compounds motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEBs), but also MVEBs for nitrogen oxide. I request that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) work with North Carolina to quickly review and deem adequate the MVEBs that are submitted as a part of this demonstration. These budgets are needed so that the transportation conformity determination can be made by May 2010. The USEPA's cooperation is essential in order for this schedule to be successful.

If you should have any questions, please contact Laura Boothe of my staff at (919) 733-1488.

Sincerely,

B. Keith Overcash, P.E.

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Enclosure

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