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Mr. David B. Conroy
Chief, Air Quality Planning Unit
United States Environmental Protection Agency-Region 1
1 Congress Street, Suite 1100
Boston, MA 02114-2023

Dear Mr. Conroy:

On May 25, 2001, the Department of Environmental Protection submitted a carbon monoxide redesignation request for the cities of Lowell, Springfield, Waltham, and Worcester to EPA. Your staff has brought to our attention that the redesignation request failed to address the requirement for a second ten-year maintenance plan period.

This is to acknowledge that we are aware that under section 175A(b) of the Clean Air Act, eight years after the redesignation of an area to attainment, the State must submit to EPA a second maintenance plan to provide for maintenance of the NAAQS for an additional ten years after the first ten-year maintenance plan expires. This submittal may be in the form of correspondence acknowledging that the second maintenance plan is identical to the first maintenance plan or may contain amendments to the first maintenance plan.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts commits to submit documentation to EPA concerning the second ten-year maintenance period for inclusion in the carbon monoxide State Implementation Plan eight years after the area is redesignated to attainment.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Charles R. Mentos at (617) 292-5608.

Sincerely,

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cc: Jeff Butensky, U.S. EPA -Region 1, Air Quality Planning Unit

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