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Mr. Donald Welsh
Regional Administrator (3RA00)
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Dear Mr. Welsh:

The purpose of this letter is to submit a 5 percent reclassification request for Kent and Queen Anne's Counties with respect to the 8-hour ozone standard. These counties were recently designated a Moderate 8-hour ozone nonattainment area and we are requesting that they be reclassified as a Marginal 8-hour ozone nonattainment area based on EPA's 5 percent reclassification guidance. Supporting documentation is enclosed. We thank you for the opportunity to work with you on the reclassification of these two Maryland counties.

If you have any questions concerning this document, please contact Thomas Snyder, Director of the Maryland Department of the Environment's Air and Radiation Management Administration, at (410) 537-3255.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
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Enclosure

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