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Ron W. Gore, Chief  
Air Division  
Alabama Department of  
Environmental Management  
P.O. Box 301463  
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-1463

Dear Mr. Gore:

By letter dated December 15, 2016, Alabama Department of Environmental Management submitted to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency a request to change the characterization pathway under the EPA's sulfur dioxide Data Requirements Rule (DRR) for Akzo Nobel Functional Chemicals and Alabama Power Company Plant Gorgas sources in Mobile and Walker Counties respectively in Alabama. Your letter sets out the rationale for both sources to change characterization pathways from an enforceable emission limit to air quality modeling and the EPA concurs with the rationale your letter presents. Consistent with the requirements of the DRR, air quality modeling for these two sources is due to EPA on January 13, 2017 and your letter indicates both sources' intent to meet this deadline. Please note, the change of pathway from an enforceable emission limit to air quality modeling means that the applicable sources are now subject to all requirements under the DRR for modeled areas.

If you have any questions regarding this concurrence letter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Scott Davis, Chief, Air Planning and Implementation Branch at (404) 562-9127.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Beverly H. Banister".

*for* Beverly H. Banister  
Director  
Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division