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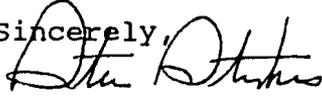
Dear Mr Skie:

The State of Montana is pleased that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) decided to conditionally approve the PM-10 State Implementation Plan (SIP) for Kalispell, Montana provided that Montana, Flathead County, and Kalispell agree to correct the deficiencies identified by EPA in your April 17, 1992 letter to Jeffrey Chaffee.

The staff of the Montana Department of Health and Environmental Sciences' Air Quality Bureau has reviewed EPA's comments and Attachment 1 provides a detailed evaluation of each comment. Based on this evaluation, Montana commits to perform the activities listed in Attachment 2 according to the schedule provided.

Although the schedule may be longer than EPA desires, meeting the commitments will take a significant effort and a more ambitious schedule is unrealistic. I would like to point out that this effort will include: (1) major regulatory changes which require time-consuming state and local adoption procedures, (2) revisions to the PM-10 emission inventory, (3) revisions to the demonstration of attainment and maintenance, (4) major redrafting of the SIP itself, and perhaps (5) adoption of completely new control strategies.

Montana looks forward to working with EPA on this issue. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Jeff Chaffee or Bob Raisch at the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences' Air Quality Bureau (406-444-3454).

Sincerely,

STAN STEPHENS
Governor

cc: Dennis Iverson

ATTACHMENT 2

KALISPELL PM-10 SIP COMMITMENTS

Kalispell Specific Commitments

3. Montana will promptly conduct a detailed Chemical Mass Balance study in Kalispell if compliance with the national ambient air quality standards is not achieved by or maintained after December 31, 1994.

Due Date: Contingent on the success or failure of the PM-10 SIP.