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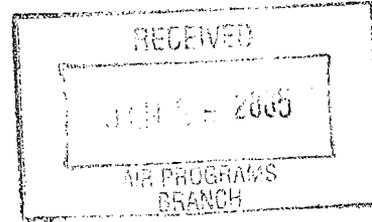
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Re: Update on Title V permit processing

Dear Mr. Mathur:

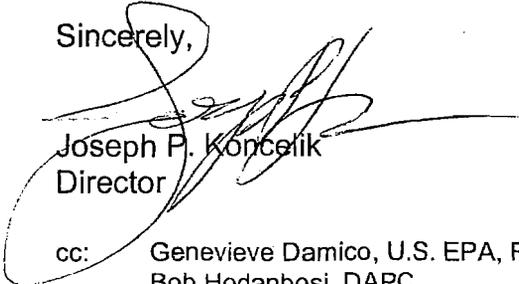
As you know, Ohio and other Region V states have made significant progress in permitting Title V facilities. On March 15, 2002, Ohio EPA committed to issuing or resolving 351 permit applications that had not been resolved or issued final as of January 1, 2002. Other States in Region V also made similar commitments regarding their initial population of Title V facilities. This "commitment" population and the other associated first round of Title V permits has constituted a significant amount of effort on the part of Ohio EPA staff, local air agency staff and U.S. EPA Region V permit review staff. I am pleased to notify you that as of November 19, 2004, Ohio EPA has issued final permits for all of the initial Title V permit applications subject to our March 15, 2002 commitment. The 351 commitment permits were part of the larger 687 initial permits processed by Ohio EPA and our local air agency partners regulating over 34,000 emissions units. My understanding is that this significant milestone is the first to be achieved among all the Region V states.

As you are aware, Title V permit work is an ongoing effort. New, additional Title V applications continue to be received as facilities meet or exceed the thresholds requiring Title V permits, permit modifications are needed based on changes at permitted facilities during the course of the permit effective period, and renewal permits are already being processed for the facilities that received the earliest Title V permits. Ohio EPA remains committed to effective implementation of the 40 CFR Part 70 Operating Permit Program in Ohio.

Bob Taft, Governor
Jennette Bradley, Lieutenant Governor
Christopher Jones, Director

Ohio EPA appreciates the assistance of your staff throughout this entire process. We look forward to continued cooperative interaction with Region V as we implement this complex permitting program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bob Hondabosi, Chief, Division of Air Pollution Control or contact me directly.

Sincerely,



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Director

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