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November 15, 2001

Mr. Thomas V. Skinner
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region V
77 West Jackson Boulevard (R-19J)
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

Dear Mr. Skinner:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has informed the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) that citizens submitted comments to the USEPA regarding Michigan's Title V of the federal Clean Air Act Renewable Operating Permit (ROP) program. The comments were in response to the USEPA's Notice of Comment Period on ROP program deficiencies, which was published in the *Federal Register* on December 11, 2000.

To respond to comments regarding permit issuance rates, the USEPA has requested a schedule for Michigan's issuance of the remaining Title V permits. Originally, Michigan identified 518 Title V sources requiring permits. This number represents the initially identified number of sources, adjusted to remove initial Title V sources that either have permanently shut down or have received valid synthetic minor permits, and those sources added to the initial list that were subsequently identified as being "initial Title V sources." As of December 1, 2001, the MDEQ will have issued final permits to 352 of these Title V sources, which leaves 166 permits that the MDEQ needs to issue to complete this group of Title V operating permits.

The State of Michigan commits to take final action on the remaining 166 Title V permits according to the following schedule:

<u>Milestone Dates</u>	<u>Cumulative Percentage and Number of Permits to be Issued</u>
June 1, 2002	20% (33)
December 1, 2002	50% (83)
June 1, 2003	70% (116)
December 1, 2003	100% (166)

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All milestones are intended to show the progress of the permit program. We understand that failure to meet this schedule will result in the USEPA issuing a Notice of Deficiency to the MDEQ's Title V ROP program.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Mr. Dennis M. Drake, Chief, Air Quality Division, MDEQ, at 517-373-7069.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mr. Bharat Mathur, USEPA
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