July 8, 2010

The Honorable Judith A. Enck  
Regional Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency – Region 2  
290 Broadway- 26th Floor  
New York, New York 10007-1866

Dear Regional Administrator Enck:

Enclosed please find for your review and approval a proposed revision to the New Jersey State Implementation Plan (SIP) reflecting changes to New Jersey’s enhanced Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) program. This proposed SIP revision is being submitted as a supplement to the I/M SIP revision submitted in December of 2009. New Jersey requests parallel processing between our agencies of this proposed SIP revision to allow for the most expeditious review.

Specifically, this SIP revision provides documentation on the emission impacts that will result from changes to New Jersey’s vehicle inspection program extending the new vehicle inspection exemption from four years to five years. This SIP revision includes a demonstration that New Jersey’s decentralized I/M network (the private inspection facilities, or PIFs) is currently 96 percent as effective as New Jersey’s centralized I/M network (the centralized inspection facilities, or CIFs). This analysis demonstrates that the proposed changes to the enhanced I/M program do not compromise the State’s efforts to meet and/or maintain National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone or carbon monoxide.

Written comments relevant to the proposal may be submitted until the close of business on August 20, 2010 to:

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A public hearing is scheduled on New Jersey’s proposal on August 17, 2010, 10:00 a.m. at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Building, 401 East State Street, Trenton, New Jersey in the 5th Floor Large Conference Room. If you have any questions regarding this proposal, please contact Chris Salmi, Assistant Director of the Division of Air Quality, at (609) 292-6710.

Sincerely yours,

Bob Martin
Commissioner

Enclosure: SIP Document

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