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Mr. James I. Palmer, Jr.
Regional Administrator
US EPA, Region IV
Atlanta Federal Center
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RE: Submittal of December 2003 Progress Report for Early Action Compact Areas

Dear Mr. Palmer:

Enclosed is a copy of the December 2003 Progress Report in accordance with the Early Action Compact (EAC) requirement. This report includes documentation from each of the EAC areas in Tennessee. This progress report is being submitted to you on behalf of each EAC area to meet the December 31, 2003 milestone.

The following information is enclosed:

- Summary of Technical Documentation
(Includes the latest list of Control Measures for each EAC area with emission reduction estimates)
- Summary of EAC activities involving outreach and stakeholder involvement
- Progress Report Documentation for Chattanooga Area
- Progress Report Documentation for Haywood County
- Progress Report Documentation for Knoxville Area
- Progress Report Documentation for Memphis Area
- Progress Report Documentation for Middle Tennessee Area
- Progress Report Documentation for Putnam County
- Progress Report Documentation for Tri-Cities Area
- Media Coverage

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There have been numerous meetings since June with local city & county representatives, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, Economic and Community Development, environmental groups, industry and the public. The EAC process has provided an opportunity for local governments and everyone involved to participate in achieving the 8-hour ozone standard in their area.

The following control measures are being considered, and are anticipated to apply across the State of Tennessee: more stringent controls for open burning, rules for idling and smoking vehicles, a NO_x RACT rule, and anti-tampering rules for vehicles. The geographical areas in which other local control measures will apply are identified in the EAC documentation. The likely implementation date for the statewide and local control measures under consideration is anticipated to be prior to the 2005 ozone season. Review the EAC documentation for each area to find more specific detailed information.

I believe this submittal satisfies all requirements of the December 31st EAC milestone, but if more information is needed do not hesitate to contact Vicki Lowe or me at (615) 532-0554.

Sincerely,

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Director
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cc: Kay T. Prince, Karen Borel & Dick Schutt, EPA, Region IV
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