

MONTH XX, 2019

Mr. Jim Gulliford
Regional Administrator
U.S. EPA Region VII
11201 Renner Blvd.
Lenexa, KS 66219

Dear Mr. Gulliford:

We respectfully request removal of the following portion of the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the state of Nebraska:

*Article 2. Section 19. Prevention of Significant Deterioration of Air Quality (PSD)
Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD)*

This Article was contained in a SIP revision package approved by EPA on February 14, 1996, and its inclusion in the SIP has created confusion regarding the authority to issue PSD permits in Lancaster County, Nebraska. The authority to issue PSD permits in Lancaster County, Nebraska, resides with the State of Nebraska. LLCHD is not directly delegated authority by EPA to implement PSD in their jurisdiction.

The State of Nebraska has authorized LLCHD to carry out portions of the state plan through the use of a delegation agreement, which authorizes LLCHD to implement and enforce the state's PSD program with oversight from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ). This agreement allows LLCHD to issue PSD permits on behalf of the state, but does not constitute a PSD program separate and apart from the state of Nebraska.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Kevin Stoner, Air Division Administrator, at (402) 471-4299 or Tracy Wharton, NAAQS-SIP Coordinator, at (402) 471-6410.

Sincerely,

Jim Macy
Director
Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality