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Reference: Ozone Advance Action Plan –
Fredericksburg, Hampton Roads,
and Richmond-Petersburg 2016
Annual Reports

Dear Ms. Bunte,

The purpose of this letter is to transmit the annual reports for the Fredericksburg, Hampton Roads, and Richmond-Petersburg Ozone Advance Action Plans. These annual reports are due to your office by April 30 of each year, as mutually agreed upon by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) staff.

The annual reports follow the reporting structure included in each Action Plan listed under Appendix D. Since the structure of Appendix D allows for only a brief overview of each element, several documents and spreadsheets providing in-depth information are included with this letter in electronic format. Attached to this letter is a table of contents with a description of these documents for your convenience.

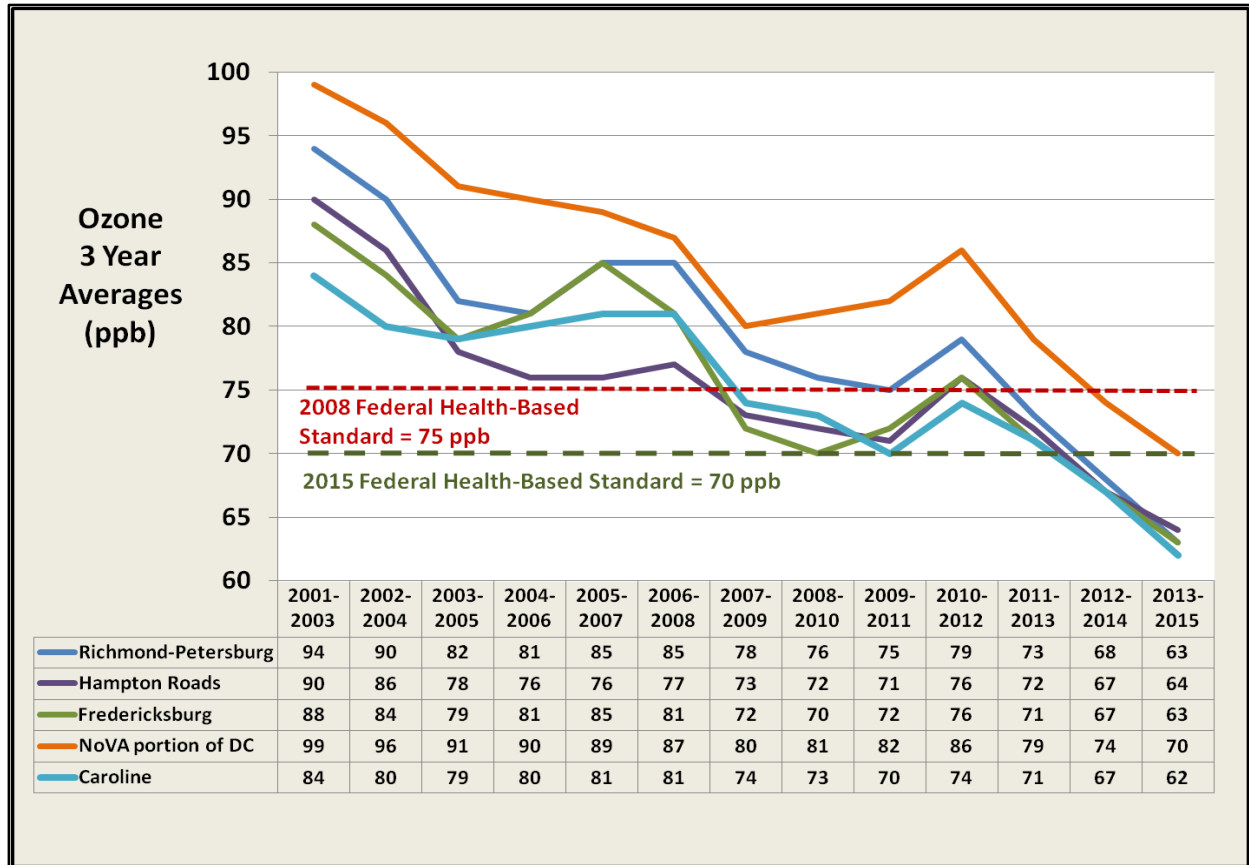
The 2016 reports continue to show improvements in air quality and progress toward further emission reductions. Industries are reducing emissions by installing new, clean steam generating equipment and by switching fuels. Localities and other organizations are pursuing plans for nontraditional programs that improve quality of life as well as reduce emissions, such as bike sharing programs and the use of alternative fuels. Vehicles in model year 2017 will emit much less NO_x than in past years due to the Tier 3 program for cars and light duty trucks. These programs will reduce emissions and further improve air quality across Virginia.

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These many efforts have helped reduce ozone concentrations across Virginia, and data from the summers of 2013 to 2015 demonstrate compliance with the 2015 ozone NAAQS of 0.070 ppm.



If you have any questions on the information in these annual reports or in the information provided electronically, please do not hesitate to call me or Doris McLeod at 804-698-4197.

Sincerely,

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 Director, Air Data Analysis and Planning

Enclosures:

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