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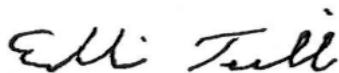
Dear Jerry:

On behalf of STAPPA and ALAPCO, thank you for your invitation to participate in EPA's process to evaluate the formula used to allocate state and local Section 105 air grants among the regions. Since Section 105 grants are such an important source of funding for state and local air agencies, and since Congress appropriates these funds specifically for state and local air quality efforts, we believe it is appropriate for STAPPA and ALAPCO to participate in these important deliberations.


As you know, we have requested for several years that EPA develop an updated regional allocation formula for Section 105 grants that can be used when there are significant increases in funds. We are very concerned that EPA has undertaken this effort at the same time that the agency's recommended budget for FY 2007 includes significant reductions in Section 105 and 103 grants. We believe it is important that any adjustments to the regional distribution that occur as a result of an updated formula be implemented and scheduled in such a manner as to cause as little disruption in existing state and local budgets as possible.

We would like to talk to you about a process for revising the allocation formula that includes STAPPA and ALAPCO's participation and that reflects a realistic timeline for this effort. Please contact us so that we can move forward on this important effort.

Sincerely,



Eddie Terrill
President of STAPPA



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