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December 30, 2005

Mr. Robert Varney, Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency—Region 1
One Congress Street
Boston, MA 02114-2023

Dear Mr. Varney:

I am pleased to submit for your review and concurrence the enclosed Massachusetts New Source Review Equivalency Determination, as required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) regulations governing the New Source Review program under parts C and D of Title 1 of the Clean Air Act.

As you know, Massachusetts returned to EPA its delegation of the Prevention of Significant Deterioration Program in February 2003. Accordingly, the enclosed analysis focuses on Non-Attainment New Source Review, given our continuing non-attainment with respect to the 8-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone. The analysis concludes that our program is at least as stringent, if not more stringent, than the current federal program. Our overall program not only provides the emission benefits we need to reach our air quality goals, but also has features that provide regulatory certainty and flexibility to our sources.

I look forward to receiving your timely concurrence with our submittal. If you have any questions, please give a call.

Very truly yours,

Robert Golledge, Jr.
Commissioner

Cc: William Wehrum, Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation (w/o enclosure)
Enc.

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