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Mr. Rick Brunetti, Director  
Kansas Department of Health and Environment  
Bureau of Air  
Curtis State Office Building  
1000 SW Jackson, Suite 310  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Mr. Brunetti:

With this letter, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is taking action to approve the Kansas 2015-2016 Ambient Air Monitoring Network Plan and the State of Kansas 2015 Five-year Ambient Air Monitoring Network Assessment. Both plans were reviewed and found to be in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Part 58.

The 2015-2016 Ambient Air Monitoring Network Plan was submitted by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment on July 1, 2015. A 30-day public comment period was offered by KDHE starting on May 15, 2015, as required by 40 CFR Part 58. KDHE received one comment letter regarding the overall adequacy of the monitoring network for ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> in relation to areas that are downwind of annual prescribed burning of rangeland in the Flint Hills. The commenter also identified an omission of data in one of the data tables. KDHE responded directly to the commenter's concerns but made no significant change to their monitoring plan; however, they did correct the omission of data in the data tables. The EPA has reviewed the comment letter and KDHE's responses. The EPA found that KDHE's plan meets the requirements of Part 58.

The 2015 Five-year Network Assessment was submitted by KDHE on October 16, 2015. The EPA reviewed the Assessment and believes it is appropriate.

As mentioned in our previous network plan and assessment approvals, your air monitoring staff is to be commended for their hard work in completing these plans. Your actions of managing and maintaining a strong air monitoring program clearly supports the EPA's strategic goal of Taking Action on Climate Change and Improving Air Quality. I am appreciative of your commitment and continued dedication to our shared mission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Hague".

Mark Hague



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