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ATTENTION: Victor Vilece
Environmental Project Manager

SUBJECT: Revised PM_{2.5} NAAQS

Dear Mr. Vilece:

On February 7, 2024, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that they are revising the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for particulate matter that is less than 2.5 microns in diameter (PM_{2.5}). Specifically, the annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS will be lowered from 12 µg/m³ to 9 µg/m³. The daily standard will remain unchanged as will the PM₁₀ standard. This rule will come into effect 60 days after it is published in the Federal Register. The Department expects that this will occur in late April or early May 2024. Additional information related to this announcement is available on EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/pm-pollution/final-reconsideration-national-ambient-air-quality-standards-particulate-matter-pm>.

This change will also result in a change to the Air Quality Index (<https://www.airnow.gov/aqi/aqi-basics/>). The Department expects that there will be more Code Yellow days. The Department is taking this opportunity to encourage your facility to review your protocols and procedures for managing dust and fugitive particulate matter in accordance with 7 **DE Admin. Code** 1106, Particulate Emissions from Construction and Materials Handling. Proper management of fugitive dust will support continued improvement in Delaware's air quality and will result in fewer Code Yellow and Code Orange days.

Please reach out to Kevin Njoroge at (302) 739-9402 with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Mann".

Amy Mann, P.E.
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