Appendix Z Letter of Designation by the Governor

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March 20, 1980

Mr. Donald P. Dubois
Regional Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
Region X
1200 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98101

FILE

Dear Mr. Dubois:

There have been questions raised regarding appropriate submittal of changes to the State Implementation Plan for attainment and maintenance of national ambient air quality standards. Many of these actions are routine and should not require a governor's approval and submittal.

Staff from your office and the Department of Ecology have recommended that the legal and practical requirements of submittal could be met through delegation to an appropriate official.

I have, therefore, delegated to the Director of the Department of Ecology the authority to submit all amendments to the State Implementation Plan that occurred or will occur after May 1, 1979.

Sincerely

Dixy Lec Ray Governor DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY Olympia, Washington 98504

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Wilbur G. Hellauer, Director

MEMORANDUM

March 19, 1980

TO:

Governor Dixy Lee Ray

FROM:

Wilbur G. Hallauer

SUBJECT:

SUBMITTAL OF CHANGES TO STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR AIR

Faderal law requires the Governor to submit an air quality implementation plan to EPA. This has been done and we are awaiting for a response.

The procedure for submitting additions and changes is not clear. will be numerous changes, most of which will not be substantive. is general agreement that these submissions should not have to go through the Governor, but the legal requirements could preclude practicality.

Region X EPA has suggested that you could delegate this responsibility and thereby clarify the submittal question. It is my understanding that this has been done in Oregon.

A delegation to the Director of the Department of Ecology would provide an efficient system to handle routine plan changes. It would also place responsibility on the director to identify significant issues and to obtein your approval before submittal.

If you concur with the delegation, the attached letter should be sent

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Attachment

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