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Marc A. R. Cone P.E., Director  
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Dear Mr. Cone:

I would like to thank you and the Department of Environmental Protection Air Bureau for your continued help and guidance over the last year as it relates to air quality in South Portland. The City Council greatly appreciated the Air Bureau's presentation last February on regional air quality levels as the presentation provided some great introductory information about the DEP monitoring process and specimen collection.

In response to a Councilor's question made last February regarding air quality monitoring in South Portland specifically; DEP staff informed the Council of an opportunity for interested parties to request air monitoring. A recent conversation I had with you confirmed the deadline for such a request this year would be the first of March.

The City Council requests that DEP's Air Bureau establish an air quality monitoring program to measure concentrations of certain air toxics within the City of South Portland. The objective of the monitoring would be to establish baseline trend information and ensure that existing standards for so-called fugitive and point source emissions are being met. South Portland's City Council supports DEP's mission to gather and interpret data to help it prevent, abate and control air pollution. This will help City Council understand the air quality within our community and determine whether there are residual risks from unintended emissions.

Again, I would like to thank you and your staff for all your time and guidance relative to air quality in South Portland. I look forward to talking more about future actions in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

Linda Cohen  
Mayor

Sincerely,

James H. Gailey  
City Manager

CC: Mayor Cohen and the South Portland City Council  
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