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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

13 FEB 1989

Barry Smith
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Management
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Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for your letter dated January 25, 1989, concerning the Meteorological Processor for Regulatory Models (MPRM) which has been developed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). Please note that MPRM is intended to provide a consistent, readily usable method for processing on-site meteorological data. Other programs that are consistent with USEPA's "On-site Meteorological Program Guidance for Regulatory Modeling Applications" may also be acceptable. Indiana may be able to continue to use its own preprocessor program provided that it complies with the On-site Guidance document (e.g., see Attachment). This would avoid the compatibility problems raised in your letter.

You also commented on the treatment of data substitution in MPRM. I am forwarding a copy of your letter to the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards so they are aware of your concerns. You should be aware that USEPA is currently investigating the issue of data substitution. I will keep you posted on the status of this investigation.

Please call me if you wish to discuss this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Koerber
Regional Meteorologist

Attachment

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