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Dear Mr. Keenan:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding Ozone Awareness Week and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (Department) Compressed Pay Period (CPP) and Telecommuting Pilot Programs.

The Department will continue to be at the forefront of efforts to address air pollution. This was one of the driving forces in the Department's original decision to authorize pilot programs for both CPP and Telecommuting. The efforts of the Pollution and Energy Reduction Committee (PERC) Labor/Management (L/M) Committee in this regard are to be commended.

As you are aware, the Reports and Recommendations from the PERC Committee for both these programs have been provided to Executive for review. A final determination has not been made at this time. The Department does have some reservations about the full implementation of the CPP and Telecommuting Programs. Some of these concerns were in fact shared with PEF/Encon by Executive Deputy Commissioner Denise Sheehan at the recent PEF Statewide L/M Committee meeting held on June 11, 2003. Accordingly, these programs remain on hold at this time.

At such time as the Department makes its determination, the PERC Committee will be notified through the Department's Office of Employee Relations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Erin M. Crotty".

Erin M. Crotty

c: D. Sheehan  
J. Tuffey  
J. McKeon  
J. Lattanzio