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Ms. Rebecca Hanmer
Acting Regional Administrator
US EPA Region VIII
999 18th Street - Suite 500
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Dear Ms. Hanmer:

With the adoption of rules adding an 8-hour ozone standard in July of 1997, proposed designation for areas in each state are due to EPA by July of 2000. Governor William J. Janklow has delegated the authority to determine and submit these designations for South Dakota to the Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Historically, concentrations of ground level ozone have not been a concern as a pollutant in South Dakota. Since the adoption of a more stringent standard for ozone, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources has started to collect data for ozone in South Dakota. The data collected during the past year show no high ozone levels, and we fully expect future sampling will continue to be consistent with these results. Therefore, I propose that all pollution control areas in South Dakota be designated as attainment/unclassifiable for the 8-hour ozone standard.

Thank you for the opportunity to propose designations for the 8-hour ozone standard. If you have questions on this notice, please contact Jeanne Goodman at 605-773-3151 for more information.

Sincerely,

Steven M. Pirner
Secretary

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