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Dennis McLerran, Regional Administrator
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Dear Mr. McLerran:

On behalf of Governor Parnell, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation provides the following recommendation for the initial designation of areas with respect to the "Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂); Final Rule", as published in the Federal Register on June 22, 2010 (75 FR 35520). The State of Alaska does not have recent State/Local Ambient Monitoring Station (SLAMS) SO₂ data that could be used to determine compliance with the NAAQS. SO₂ SLAMS Network was dismantled in the 1990s after measured concentrations indicated that no areas within the state would violate the annual SO₂ NAAQS.

Consequently, at this time the state recommends that all areas within the borders of the State of Alaska be designated as unclassifiable with respect to the 1-hour SO₂ NAAQS. Please accept this letter as an initial designation recommendation in accordance with the requirements of Section 107(d) (1) (A) of the Clean Air Act. Alice Edwards is available to your staff to respond to questions or to otherwise assist. She can be phoned at (907) 465-5109. As always, I would be pleased to discuss any of this with you.

Sincerely,



Larry Hartig
Commissioner

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