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James B. Martin
Regional Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region VIII, 8P-AR
1595 Wynkoop St.
Denver, CO 80202-1129

RE: Montana Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) NAAQS Designations

Dear Mr. Martin:

As you are aware, EPA promulgated a revision to the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) on February 9, 2010 (75 FR 6474). Pursuant to 42 USC §7407, Congress directs governors to submit a list of areas designating as nonattainment, attainment, or unclassifiable with respect to a new or revised NAAQS. Such lists of designated areas are due no later than one year following the promulgation of a new or revised standard.

Montana designates all 56 counties in the state attainment for the revised NO₂ NAAQS. The information provided in the enclosed technical memorandum and the associated enclosure demonstrates that Montana's designation is appropriate for all counties.

We anticipate working with you as we maintain Montana's status with regard to the revised NO₂ NAAQS. If you have any questions regarding this action, please contact M. Eric Merchant, the Department's Air Quality Policy and Planning Supervisor, by telephone at (406) 444-1457 or by email at emerchant@mt.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Schweitzer".

BRIAN SCHWEITZER
Governor

Enclosure

cc: Richard Opper, Director, Department of Environmental Quality
Dave Klemp, Chief, Air Resources Management Bureau
M. Eric Merchant, Air Resources Management Bureau