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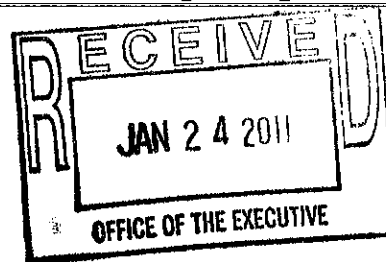
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January 20, 2011

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 "Final Rule for the Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂)", as published in the Federal Register on February 9, 2010 (75 FR 6474). Alaska does not currently have three successive years of 1-hour NO₂ State/Local Ambient Monitoring (SLAM) data for analysis in determining attainment status. Alaska never developed an NO₂ SLAM program since there was no indication that any areas within the state would violate the annual NO₂ NAAQS. In addition, industry data from monitoring stations located near some of the largest oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) sources within Alaska suggest that no area in Alaska is failing to meet the 1-hour NO₂ NAAQS.

Consequently at this time, the state recommends that all land within the borders of the State of Alaska be designated as unclassifiable with respect to the 1-hour NO₂ 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 reached at (907) 465-5109. As always, I would be pleased to discuss any of this with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Hartig". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Larry Hartig
Commissioner

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