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Ms. Heather McTeer Toney
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region 4
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8909

Dear Ms. Toney:

Re: Mississippi Updated Designation Recommendation for the 2010 Sulfur Dioxide Standard Consent Decree

In accordance with the Federal Clean Air Act and the consent decree issued by the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California on March 2, 2015, I am providing an updated recommendation for the State of Mississippi's designation for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 2010 national ambient air quality standards for sulfur dioxide (SO₂).

EPA identified the South Mississippi Electric Power Association (SMEPA) R.D. Morrow, Sr. Generating Plant located in Lamar County as the only source in the state that met the criteria established in the consent decree. In order to meet the consent decree requirements, SMEPA coordinated with the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to perform an air emissions dispersion modeling analysis to determine the attainment status for the affected area. The attached modeling report results state that the facility attained the 75 parts per billion (ppb) 1-hour SO₂ standard for the 2012-2014 period by reporting a concentration of 56 ppb.

Therefore, I request that EPA designate SMEPA and Lamar County as unclassifiable/attainment based on the modeling results. If you have any questions, please contact Jerry Beasley at jbeasley@deq.state.ms.us or at (601) 961-5134.

Sincerely,


Phil Bryant

Attachment

Cc: Mr. Gary Rikard, Executive Director, MDEQ

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