



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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Ms. Deborah Jordan
Air Division Director
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region IX
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94195-3901

Re: Designating Areas within the CNMI under the Clean Air Act

Dear Ms. Jordan:

Thank you for the opportunity to recommend the designation of areas within the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands ("CNMI") for classification under the revised SO₂ National Ambient Air Quality Standard ("NAAQS"). We understand that designations must be made on the basis of air quality monitoring or air quality modeling regarding attaining the new NAAQS for SO₂, which is confirmed when the 3-year average of the 99th percentile of 1-hour maximum concentrations does not exceed 75 ppb.

The CNMI has neither the monitoring data nor modeling data to allow it to make a recommendation regarding attainment at this time. Accordingly, we recommend the entire CNMI be designated as unclassifiable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eloy S. Inos", written over a horizontal line.

ELOY S. INOS
Acting Governor