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Governor

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Dennis McLerran, Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10
1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900
Seattle, WA 98101

Re: Recommendations for SO₂ Area Designations

Dear Mr. McLerran:

I am presenting to you my recommendations for attainment and nonattainment air quality designations in the State of Oregon for the new 1-hour sulfur dioxide (SO₂) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS), as requested by your letter of April 4, 2011.

DEQ currently monitors for SO₂ in the communities of Portland, Toledo, and Hermiston. The most recent three years of quality-assured, federal reference monitoring data collected in 2008, 2009 and 2010, shows compliance with the new 1-hr SO₂ NAAQS in these locations. Given that the new NAAQS includes new SO₂ monitoring requirements, DEQ recommends that all areas in Oregon be initially designated as unclassifiable under the new 1-hour SO₂ standard. The State of Oregon recognizes that an updated SO₂ monitoring network will be operational by January 1, 2013, and that we can submit additional data in the future that may affect the recommended designations.

If you have any questions, please contact David Collier, Manager, Air Quality Planning, Air Quality Division, Department of Environmental Quality, at (503) 229-5177.

Sincerely,

John A. Kitzhaber, M.D.
Governor

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