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August 16, 2011

Mr. Karl Brooks, Regional Administrator
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Dear Mr. Brooks:

In a letter dated January 19, 2011, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment submitted designation recommendations for the revised 2010 primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂). This letter is being submitted to provide clarification concerning the size of the designated area as recommended by the State of Kansas in that letter.

To ensure that the size of the designated area is consistent with the State of Kansas' objectives for meeting air quality deterioration and economic growth, I recommend that all 105 counties in Kansas (as listed in Enclosure 1) be designated individually as "unclassifiable/attainment" until the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) redesignates areas, as appropriate, after sufficient air quality data from the new monitoring network are available.

Thank you for your response letter concerning our initial recommendations and for the opportunity to provide this additional clarification. Please feel free to contact Rick Brunetti, Director of the Bureau of Air, at 785-296-1551 or rbrunetti@kdheks.gov if you have any questions regarding this clarification or the enclosure.

Sincerely,

John Mitchell, Director
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Enclosure

c: Robert Moser, MD, Secretary, KDHE
Rick Brunetti, Director, Bureau of Air

Enclosure 1: Kansas Nitrogen Dioxide Area Designation Recommendations

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County	Recommended Classification
Allen	unclassifiable/attainment
Anderson	unclassifiable/attainment
Atchison	unclassifiable/attainment
Barber	unclassifiable/attainment
Barton	unclassifiable/attainment
Bourbon	unclassifiable/attainment
Brown	unclassifiable/attainment
Butler	unclassifiable/attainment
Chase	unclassifiable/attainment
Chautauqua	unclassifiable/attainment
Cherokee	unclassifiable/attainment
Cheyenne	unclassifiable/attainment
Clark	unclassifiable/attainment
Clay	unclassifiable/attainment
Cloud	unclassifiable/attainment
Coffey	unclassifiable/attainment
Comanche	unclassifiable/attainment
Cowley	unclassifiable/attainment
Crawford	unclassifiable/attainment
Decatur	unclassifiable/attainment
Dickinson	unclassifiable/attainment
Doniphan	unclassifiable/attainment
Douglas	unclassifiable/attainment
Edwards	unclassifiable/attainment
Elk	unclassifiable/attainment
Ellis	unclassifiable/attainment
Ellsworth	unclassifiable/attainment
Finney	unclassifiable/attainment
Ford	unclassifiable/attainment
Franklin	unclassifiable/attainment
Geary	unclassifiable/attainment
Gove	unclassifiable/attainment
Graham	unclassifiable/attainment
Grant	unclassifiable/attainment
Gray	unclassifiable/attainment
Greeley	unclassifiable/attainment
Greenwood	unclassifiable/attainment
Hamilton	unclassifiable/attainment
Harper	unclassifiable/attainment
Harvey	unclassifiable/attainment

County	Recommended Classification
Haskell	unclassifiable/attainment
Hodgeman	unclassifiable/attainment
Jackson	unclassifiable/attainment
Jefferson	unclassifiable/attainment
Jewell	unclassifiable/attainment
Johnson	unclassifiable/attainment
Kearny	unclassifiable/attainment
Kingman	unclassifiable/attainment
Kiowa	unclassifiable/attainment
Labette	unclassifiable/attainment
Lane	unclassifiable/attainment
Leavenworth	unclassifiable/attainment
Lincoln	unclassifiable/attainment
Linn	unclassifiable/attainment
Logan	unclassifiable/attainment
Lyon	unclassifiable/attainment
Marion	unclassifiable/attainment
Marshall	unclassifiable/attainment
McPherson	unclassifiable/attainment
Meade	unclassifiable/attainment
Miami	unclassifiable/attainment
Mitchell	unclassifiable/attainment
Montgomery	unclassifiable/attainment
Morris	unclassifiable/attainment
Morton	unclassifiable/attainment
Nemaha	unclassifiable/attainment
Neosho	unclassifiable/attainment
Ness	unclassifiable/attainment
Norton	unclassifiable/attainment
Osage	unclassifiable/attainment
Osborne	unclassifiable/attainment
Ottawa	unclassifiable/attainment
Pawnee	unclassifiable/attainment
Phillips	unclassifiable/attainment
Pottawatomie	unclassifiable/attainment
Pratt	unclassifiable/attainment
Rawlins	unclassifiable/attainment
Reno	unclassifiable/attainment
Republic	unclassifiable/attainment
Rice	unclassifiable/attainment

County	Recommended Classification
Riley	unclassifiable/attainment
Rooks	unclassifiable/attainment
Rush	unclassifiable/attainment
Russell	unclassifiable/attainment
Saline	unclassifiable/attainment
Scott	unclassifiable/attainment
Sedgwick	unclassifiable/attainment
Seward	unclassifiable/attainment
Shawnee	unclassifiable/attainment
Sheridan	unclassifiable/attainment
Sherman	unclassifiable/attainment
Smith	unclassifiable/attainment
Stafford	unclassifiable/attainment
Stanton	unclassifiable/attainment
Stevens	unclassifiable/attainment
Sumner	unclassifiable/attainment
Thomas	unclassifiable/attainment
Trego	unclassifiable/attainment
Wabaunsee	unclassifiable/attainment
Wallace	unclassifiable/attainment
Washington	unclassifiable/attainment
Wichita	unclassifiable/attainment
Wilson	unclassifiable/attainment
Woodson	unclassifiable/attainment
Wyandotte	unclassifiable/attainment