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Dear Mr. Blumenfeld:

We are transmitting recommendations for area designations and boundaries for the new federal nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) 1-hour standard of 100 parts per billion, as required under the Federal Clean Air Act.

We base our area designation recommendations on ambient NO₂ concentrations measured during 2007 through 2009. Data for these years show there are no monitored violations of either the 1-hour or annual average NO₂ standards. The Air Resources Board (ARB) staff is therefore recommending that all of California be designated attainment, with the exception of areas that have insufficient air quality data on which to base a recommendation. ARB staff recommends these remaining areas of the State be designated unclassified. The proposed boundaries for the attainment and unclassified areas, summarized in the enclosed Technical Support Document, rely on air pollution control district and district/county boundaries.

We are including the following materials in this package:

- Technical Support Document (Enclosure 1).
- Area boundary descriptions (Enclosure 2).
- NO₂ design values by site (Enclosure 3).

*The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption.
For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.*

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Please contact me at (916) 445-4383 if you have any questions regarding these recommendations, or have your staff contact Ms. Karen Magliano, Chief, Air Quality Data Branch, at (916) 322-7137.

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