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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 NO<sub>2</sub> 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 1-hour nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS), as requested by your letter of November 10, 2010.

Based on the most recent three years of quality-assured, federal reference monitoring data collected in 2008, 2009 and 2010, the city of Portland is in compliance with the 1-hour NO<sub>2</sub> public health standard. All other areas of the state can be designated "attainment/unclassifiable" with the 1-hr NO<sub>2</sub> standard, because there is insufficient data to determine whether the area is attaining the revised NO<sub>2</sub> standard.

As new updated monitoring information is made available, the State of Oregon understands that we can submit future supplemental monitoring data that may impact the recommended designations.

The state of Oregon also recognizes a new near-road monitoring network will be deployed starting in January 2013. Until air quality data from these new monitors is available and three years of air quality is collected, Oregon will continue to efforts to maintain clean air.

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,

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Governor