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August 19, 2011

Mr. Dennis J. McLerran
Regional Administrator
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10
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RE: National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Nitrogen Dioxide

Dear Mr. McLerran: *Dennis*

Thank you for your June 29, 2011, letter supporting Washington State's recommendation of the designation of "unclassifiable/attainment" for all areas of Washington State. Your letter recommended that we carefully consider the implications for the Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Permitting Program of having the entire state designated as a single area. In response we offer the clarification of our recommendation below:

As the designee of the Governor, I would like to clarify the state's recommendation for the 2010 National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Nitrogen Dioxide. I recommend that all 6 of the state's Air Quality Control Regions (AQCRs) be designated "unclassifiable/attainment." Washington's 6 AQCRs are codified in 40 CFR Part 81. The AQCRs are as follows:

- §81.32 Puget Sound Intrastate AQCR
- §81.51 Portland (Oregon) – Southwest Washington Interstate AQCR
(Washington portion)
- §81.010 Eastern Washington- Northern Idaho Interstate AQCR (Washington
portion)
- §81.185 Northern Washington Intrastate AQCR
- §81.187 Olympic-Northwest Washington Intrastate AQCR
- §81.189 South Central Washington Intrastate AQCR



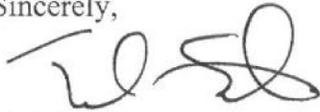
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We look forward to promulgation of the designations in October of this year. If you have any questions, please contact Doug Schneider of my staff at doug.schneider@ecy.wa.gov or (360) 407-6874.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ted Sturdevant', with a stylized, cursive script.

Ted Sturdevant
Director

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Claudia Vaupel, EPA
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