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Janis Hastings, Acting Director
Office of Air, Waste, and Toxics
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Dear Ms. Hastings,

On August 10, 2015, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency finalized requirements for state air agencies to assess the ambient air quality for the 1-hr SO₂ National Air Ambient Quality Standard (NAAQS) in areas of the state impacted by significant sources of SO₂. The purpose of the demonstration is to provide the basis for the 1-hr SO₂ area designation by EPA in 2020. The rule establishes that, at a minimum, air agencies must characterize air quality around sources that emit 2,000 tons per year (tpy) or more of SO₂.

In January 2016 Oregon DEQ submitted the list of sources meeting the threshold for further air quality characterization to EPA. Oregon's one source is:

- Portland General Electric Company PGE Boardman; Oregon source # 25-0016

Today's submittal is to inform you that DEQ will now take the next steps to characterize air quality around this source for its impact on the NAAQS by using an air quality modeling approach. Included with this submittal is the modeling protocol which sets the parameters needed to accurately complete the analysis.

We look forward to working with PGE and Region 10 to evaluate this source for its impact on the 1-hour SO₂ NAAQS. The final modeling report summarizing the analysis will be submitted to EPA by January 13, 2017. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me or David Collier, Air Quality Planning manager. David can be reached at (503) 229-5177.

Sincerely,

Wendy Wiles
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Division Administrator