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Mr. Shaun McGrath
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8
1595 Wynkoop Street
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Dear Mr. McGrath:

On October 1, 2015, EPA revised the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone by reducing the 8-hour average concentration level from 0.075 to 0.070 parts per million. As required by the Clean Air Act, state initial recommendations for area designations are due to EPA by October 1, 2016.

On January 18, 2011, Governor Daugaard submitted a letter to EPA Region 8 designating the Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources as his designee for submitting designations and other matters which involves South Dakota's Air Quality Program. In that capacity, I recommend EPA designate all counties in South Dakota as attaining the 2015 revised ozone standard (see Attachment A). Attachment B provides the technical analysis that supports designating all of South Dakota's counties as attaining the 2015 revised ozone standard. Attachment C provides a copy of a report printed from the Air Quality System database showing the design value for each site operating in South Dakota calculated from the calendar years of 2013 to 2015.

Thank you for the opportunity to propose designations for the 2015 revised ozone standard in South Dakota and I look forward to your concurrence. If you have questions, please contact Brian Gustafson at 605-773-3151.

Sincerely,

Steven M. Pirner
Secretary

Attachments

ec: Monica Morales, EPA Region 8 w/attachments