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February 10, 2009

Stan Meiburg
Acting Regional Administrator
United States Environmental
Protection Agency
Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth Street, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Re: Clean Air Act – Withdrawal of Request to Redesignate the Greater Knoxville, Tennessee Area To Attainment of the 1997 Ozone NAAQS

Dear Administrator Meiburg,

On May 8, 2007, the state of Tennessee submitted a request to redesignate the Greater Knoxville Tennessee Area to attainment of the 1997 Eight-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards. This was based upon "clean data" for the monitoring period 2004-2006 and preceded the June 15, 2007 deadline for SIPs to be filed with EPA.

Data collected in the next two monitoring periods, 2005-2007 and 2006-2008, do not document attainment of the 1997 ozone standard, and for that reason, the request is being withdrawn. Tennessee is reviewing the current EPA proposed rule for the Knoxville area that could result in a revised designation of Subpart II Moderate and will make comments as needed.

If you should have questions, please feel free to contact me at (615) 532-0525 or Barry.Stephens@state.tn.us.

Sincerely,

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Director
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