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Shawn M. Garvin
Regional Administrator
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Dear Mr. Garvin:

On behalf of the District of Columbia (District), I thank you for the opportunity to make a designation recommendation on the air quality status in the District for the 2010 sulfur dioxide (SO₂) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). There is insufficient information to meet the requirements of the revised SO₂ NAAQS final rulemaking (75 FR 35520; June 22, 2010). Hence, in accordance with Section 107(d)(1) of the Clean Air Act, I am recommending that the District be designated as an "unclassifiable" area.

Should you require additional information on this matter, please contact Janene D. Jackson, Esq., Director of the Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs at 202-727-6979 or Janene.Jackson@dc.gov.

Sincerely,


Vincent C. Gray
Mayor

cc: Diana Esher, Director, Air Protection Division, EPA Region III
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