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Ms. Susan Hedman
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)
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77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60604-3950

Re: Designations under the National Ambient
Air Quality Standard for Nitrogen Dioxide
(NO₂)


Dear Ms. Hedman:

This letter is in response to the U.S. EPA's letter of June 28, 2011 concerning proposed designations under the revised National Ambient Air Quality Standard for NO₂. Within Indiana's boundary recommendations originally submitted to U.S. EPA on December 7, 2010, the state specifically recommended classifying four Indiana counties as attainment under the revised standard, and the remaining portions of the state as unclassifiable. It appears that U.S. EPA misinterpreted this recommendation to rely on the state boundary as opposed to county boundaries for the purpose of designations.

Due to the implications on the Prevention of Significant Deterioration permitting program of a designation boundary that relies on state lines, as opposed to county lines, Indiana wishes to make it clear that each county within the state should be classified under the standard separately.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Scott Deloney, Chief, Air Programs Branch, at (317) 233-5694.

Sincerely,


Thomas W. Easterly
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