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Mr. Mark Hague
Acting Regional Administrator
U.S. EPA, Region VII
11201 Renner Boulevard
Lenexa, KS 66219

Dear Mr. Hague:

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Air Pollution Control Program (Air Program) hereby submits the following:

Area Boundary Recommendations for the 2010 1-hour Sulfur Dioxide Standard: July 2016 Designations

Through this submittal, the Air Program is requesting that EPA take these recommendations into consideration during the designation process to be completed by July 2, 2016.

The state is recommending area designations (e.g., attainment, nonattainment, unclassifiable) for the 2010 1-hour SO₂ standard. The recommendations are based on technical evaluations using air quality modeling and monitoring data to address three parts of the State of Missouri: the areas surrounding the Sikeston Power Station, Sibley Generating Station, and Ameren Labadie Energy Center. The EPA identified these three areas as meeting the criteria specified in the March 2, 2015 Federal Consent Decree for the next round of SO₂ designations. The EPA also identified the SO₂ monitor located in Iron County, Missouri as a violating monitor. Missouri is not making a recommendation on this monitor at this time, and an evaluation of the monitor is included for informational purposes.

The Missouri Air Conservation Commission adopted these recommendations at the September 24, 2015 commission meeting. A public hearing for the proposed recommendations was held on August 27, 2015. A 30-day public comment period opened by July 27, 2015 and closed on September 3, 2015. During the public comment period for the proposed plan, the Air Program received several comments from many commenters. A summary of the comments received and our responses are attached.

In order to comply with Attachment A of the "Regional Consistency for the Administrative Requirements of State Implementation Plan Submittals and the Use of 'Letter Notices'" memo dated April 6, 2011, a searchable pdf version of this document will be emailed to the EPA Regional Office. Within three business days, this complete submittal package will be posted on

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our website at <http://dnr.mo.gov/env/apcp/stateplans.htm>. The disk included with this submittal also includes an electronic copy of the recommendation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact Ms. Emily Wilbur with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Air Pollution Control Program at P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102 or by telephone at (573) 751-4817.

Sincerely,

AIR POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAM



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Enclosures:

Copy of recommendations and appendices
Copy of public hearing notices
Copy of public hearing transcript introductory statement
Copy of recommendation for adoption and summary of the comments and responses
CD with electronic copy of the recommendations and appendices

c: Missouri Air Conservation Commission
Project# 2010-SO2-4 Consent Decree