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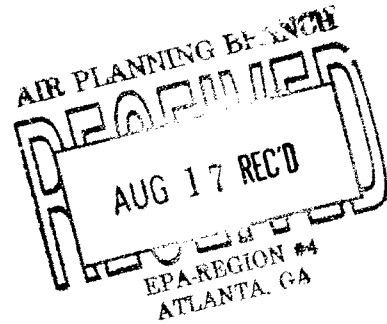


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Ms. Gwendolyn Keyes Fleming  
Regional Administrator, US EPA, Region 4  
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Dear Ms. Fleming:

The State of Alabama's recommendations regarding the extent of nonattainment areas for the 1-hour nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) air quality standard was submitted to EPA on January 12, 2011 and a response was received from EPA in a letter dated June 28, 2011. As Governor Bentley's designee, I am providing this response to the June 28, 2011 letter.

As explained in the State's recommendations, there are currently no NO<sub>2</sub> monitors operating in the State of Alabama; therefore, it was requested that all counties be designated as "attainment" until such time that monitoring data exists that might determine otherwise. Your response to this recommendation stated that it was EPA's intention to designate all areas of the State of Alabama as "unclassifiable/attainment" rather than "attainment." The State again respectfully requests that all 67 counties in Alabama be individually designated as "attainment."

If it is the decision of EPA to proceed with its plan to designate all areas of the State of Alabama as "unclassifiable/attainment," it is requested that all 67 counties in the State be designated as such individually. A list of the 67 counties of which this request is made is attached.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We would be happy to discuss our position on this matter or answer any questions you may have. Please contact Mr. Ron Gore of the Air Division at 334-271-7868.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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## Alabama 1-Hour NO<sub>2</sub> Standard Recommendations

Designated Area	Designation Recommendation	Designated Area	Designation Recommendation
Autauga County	Attainment	Monroe County	Attainment
Baldwin County	Attainment	Montgomery County	Attainment
Barbour County	Attainment	Morgan County	Attainment
Bibb County	Attainment	Perry County	Attainment
Blount County	Attainment	Pickens County	Attainment
Bullock County	Attainment	Pike County	Attainment
Butler County	Attainment	Randolph County	Attainment
Calhoun County	Attainment	Russell County	Attainment
Chambers County	Attainment	St. Clair County	Attainment
Cherokee County	Attainment	Shelby County	Attainment
Chilton County	Attainment	Sumter County	Attainment
Choctaw County	Attainment	Tallapoosa County	Attainment
Clarke County	Attainment	Talladega County	Attainment
Clay County	Attainment	Tuscaloosa County	Attainment
Cleburne County	Attainment	Walker County	Attainment
Coffee County	Attainment	Washington County	Attainment
Colbert County	Attainment	Wilcox County	Attainment
Conecuh County	Attainment	Winston County	Attainment
Coosa County	Attainment		
Covington County	Attainment		
Crenshaw County	Attainment		
Cullman County	Attainment		
Dale County	Attainment		
Dallas County	Attainment		
DeKalb County	Attainment		
Elmore County	Attainment		
Escambia County	Attainment		
Etowah County	Attainment		
Fayette County	Attainment		
Franklin County	Attainment		
Geneva County	Attainment		
Greene County	Attainment		
Hale County	Attainment		
Henry County	Attainment		
Houston County	Attainment		
Jackson County	Attainment		
Jefferson County	Attainment		
Lamar County	Attainment		
Lauderdale County	Attainment		
Lawrence County	Attainment		
Lee County	Attainment		
Limestone County	Attainment		
Lowndes County	Attainment		
Macon County	Attainment		
Madison County	Attainment		
Marengo County	Attainment		
Marion County	Attainment		
Marshall County	Attainment		
Mobile County	Attainment		