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Ms. Susan Hedman, Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 5 (R-19J)
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60604

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RE: State of Minnesota Recommendation of Attainment Designation for NO₂

Dear Ms. Hedman:

Pursuant to Section 107(d) of the Clean Air Act, and following the revision of the NO₂ National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) effective April 12, 2010, the Governor of Minnesota is recommending that the entire state of Minnesota be designated as attainment for the NO₂ standard. This recommendation does not include areas in the state that are under tribal jurisdiction. Those tribal governments which have met eligibility determination and have submitted a Tribal Implementation Plan to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) may submit designation requests to EPA under the Tribal Authority Rule of 1998 (63 FR 7254).

This designation recommendation is based on three consecutive years (2007-2009) of air sampling data collected at three federal reference monitors around the state. The enclosed summary data provide the following:

- 1-Hr NO₂ NAAQS. To meet the one-hour NO₂ NAAQS the three-year average of the annual 98th percentile daily maximum 1-hour NO₂ concentration must not exceed 100 ppb.
- Annual NO₂ NAAQS. To meet the annual NO₂ NAAQS the annual average NO₂ concentration must not exceed 53 ppb (0.053ppm).

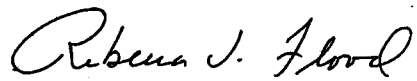
No site in the state exceeded the one-hour or annual standard. Quality assured NO₂ monitoring data for Minnesota has been submitted to the Air Quality System through 2009. The locations of the NO₂ monitors in the state are identified on the enclosed map.

The Commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), duly authorized by the Governor of the State of Minnesota, is submitting this data and request on behalf of Governor Dayton.

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If you have questions or comments on this submission, please contact Jim Sullivan of my staff at 651-757-7999.

Sincerely,



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Acting Commissioner

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