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**John R. Kasich, Governor
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August 15, 2011

Ms. Susan Hedman
To the Attention of R – 19J
Regional Administrator
U.S. EPA Region V
77 W. Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60604

Re: Clarification on Ohio's Recommended Designations for the 2010 1-hour NO₂ Standard

Dear Administrator Hedman:

I am writing to submit clarification regarding January 5, 2011 submittal of Ohio's designations recommendation for the new nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) supplemental 1-hour primary standard of 100 ppb.

The designation recommendations are based on guidance contained within the February 9, 2010 (75 FR 6474) USEPA's new NO₂ short-term standard. The proposal directs states to submit their recommendations to U.S. EPA, designating all areas in the state as either "attainment," "nonattainment" or "unclassifiable." As indicated in our submittal, all monitoring sites in Ohio are showing attainment of the supplemental 1-hour NO₂ standard. However, additional monitoring networks will go in place in the near future. Therefore, consistent with our recommendation and as indicated in your June 28, 2011 letter to Govern John Kasich, U.S. EPA intends to recommend areas as "unclassifiable/attainment" based on current air quality and will redesignate areas, as appropriate, after additional air quality data is available from the new monitoring network.

In your June 28, 2011, you stated that U.S. EPA intends to designate Ohio unclassifiable/attainment using the boundaries Ohio recommended to U.S. EPA or revised boundaries that we may provide in response to this letter by August 29, 2011. Ohio EPA does wish to provide additional clarification on the exact boundaries recommended as unclassifiable/attainment. In our December 2010 document entitled

"Ohio's 2010 ~~Nitrogen Dioxide~~ Standard Recommended Designations," we recommended ~~"all Counties in Ohio"~~ be designated unclassifiable. To be clear, we are recommending that each individual county within Ohio be designated as unclassifiable/attainment. We have attached to this letter a specific list of our recommendation at the county level.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide this clarification and will work cooperatively with U.S. EPA Region 5 staff as regarding the actual designations. If you have any questions concerning this submittal, please feel free to contact Jennifer Hunter of the Division of Air Pollution Control at (614) 644-3696.

Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Scott J. Nally
Director, Ohio EPA

Cc: Robert F. Hodanbosi, Chief Division of Air Pollution Control

Ohio's 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide Standard Recommended Designations

County	Recommended Designation	County	Recommended Designation	County	Recommended Designation
Adams	unclassifiable/ attainment	Hamilton	unclassifiable/ attainment	Muskingum	unclassifiable/ attainment
Allen	unclassifiable/ attainment	Hancock	unclassifiable/ attainment	Noble	unclassifiable/ attainment
Ashland	unclassifiable/ attainment	Hardin	unclassifiable/ attainment	Ottawa	unclassifiable/ attainment
Ashtabula	unclassifiable/ attainment	Harrison	unclassifiable/ attainment	Paulding	unclassifiable/ attainment
Athens	unclassifiable/ attainment	Henry	unclassifiable/ attainment	Perry	unclassifiable/ attainment
Auglaize	unclassifiable/ attainment	Highland	unclassifiable/ attainment	Pickaway	unclassifiable/ attainment
Belmont	unclassifiable/ attainment	Hocking	unclassifiable/ attainment	Pike	unclassifiable/ attainment
Brown	unclassifiable/ attainment	Holmes	unclassifiable/ attainment	Portage	unclassifiable/ attainment
Butler	unclassifiable/ attainment	Huron	unclassifiable/ attainment	Preble	unclassifiable/ attainment
Carroll	unclassifiable/ attainment	Jackson	unclassifiable/ attainment	Putnam	unclassifiable/ attainment
Champaign	unclassifiable/ attainment	Jefferson	unclassifiable/ attainment	Richland	unclassifiable/ attainment
Clark	unclassifiable/ attainment	Knox	unclassifiable/ attainment	Ross	unclassifiable/ attainment
Clermont	unclassifiable/ attainment	Lake	unclassifiable/ attainment	Sandusky	unclassifiable/ attainment
Clinton	unclassifiable/ attainment	Lawrence	unclassifiable/ attainment	Scioto	unclassifiable/ attainment
Columbiana	unclassifiable/ attainment	Licking	unclassifiable/ attainment	Seneca	unclassifiable/ attainment
Coshocton	unclassifiable/ attainment	Logan	unclassifiable/ attainment	Shelby	unclassifiable/ attainment
Crawford	unclassifiable/ attainment	Lorain	unclassifiable/ attainment	Stark	unclassifiable/ attainment
Cuyahoga	unclassifiable/ attainment	Lucas	unclassifiable/ attainment	Summit	unclassifiable/ attainment
Darke	unclassifiable/ attainment	Madison	unclassifiable/ attainment	Trumbull	unclassifiable/ attainment
Defiance	unclassifiable/ attainment	Mahoning	unclassifiable/ attainment	Tuscarawas	unclassifiable/ attainment
Delaware	unclassifiable/ attainment	Marion	unclassifiable/ attainment	Union	unclassifiable/ attainment
Erie	unclassifiable/ attainment	Medina	unclassifiable/ attainment	Van Wert	unclassifiable/ attainment
Fairfield	unclassifiable/ attainment	Meigs	unclassifiable/ attainment	Vinton	unclassifiable/ attainment
Fayette	unclassifiable/ attainment	Mercer	unclassifiable/ attainment	Warren	unclassifiable/ attainment
Franklin	unclassifiable/ attainment	Miami	unclassifiable/ attainment	Washington	unclassifiable/ attainment
Fulton	unclassifiable/ attainment	Monroe	unclassifiable/ attainment	Wayne	unclassifiable/ attainment
Gallia	unclassifiable/ attainment	Montgomery	unclassifiable/ attainment	Williams	unclassifiable/ attainment
Geauga	unclassifiable/ attainment	Morgan	unclassifiable/ attainment	Wood	unclassifiable/ attainment
Greene	unclassifiable/ attainment	Morrow	unclassifiable/ attainment	Wyandot	unclassifiable/ attainment
Guemsey	unclassifiable/ attainment				