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January 1, 2011

Mr. Dennis J. McLerran
Regional Administrator
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10
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RE: National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Nitrogen Dioxide

Dear Mr. McLerran:

This letter responds to your request of November 10, 2010 for submission of the state of Washington's recommendations on designations for the new National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) by January 25, 2011.

On January 22, 2010, the EPA Administrator signed the final rule establishing a new 1-hour primary NO₂ NAAQS of 100 parts per billion (ppb) to protect public health. The rule was published in the Federal Register on February 9, 2010 (75 FR 6474). The Clean Air Act provides each state with an opportunity to recommend designations of "attainment" (meets the NAAQS), "nonattainment" (does not meet the NAAQS), or "unclassifiable" (insufficient information) for all areas of the state.

As the designee of the Governor, I recommend that the entire state of Washington be designated "unclassifiable." The state of Washington does not have any ambient monitoring data that can serve as a basis for designations.

If you have questions about the recommendation, please contact Doug Schneider of my staff at (360) 407-6874 or doug.schneider@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Ted Sturdevant
Director

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December 22, 2010

Mr. Dennis J. McLerran
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RE: National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS)

Dear Mr. McLerran:

Thank you for your letter to Governor Gregoire dated November 10, 2010, about submission of the state of Washington's recommendations on designations for the new National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂). The Governor has asked that I respond to your letter.

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) appreciates the reminder that Washington State's submission of recommended designations to EPA for the new National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for Nitrogen Dioxide is due by January 25, 2011. As the Director of Ecology, I have been designated by the Governor with responsibility for the state implementation plan under the Clean Air Act. Submission of designations for NAAQS is a periodic responsibility. EPA reviews and revises each NAAQS every five years. In addition to NO₂, the NAAQS include ozone, particulate matter, lead, carbon monoxide and sulfur dioxide.

We are proceeding with a designation for NO₂ of "unclassifiable" for the entire state. Areas designated "unclassifiable or attainment" are subject to the basic requirements of the Clean Air Act. Unlike nonattainment areas, these areas do not have special requirements or controls on sources arising the designation.

In this regard, Ecology is keeping Keith Phillips with the Governor's office informed of our actions.

If you have questions about the recommendation, please contact Doug Schneider in our Air Quality Program at doug.schneider@ecy.wa.gov or (360) 407-6874.

Sincerely,

Ted Sturdevant
Director

cc: Doug Schneider

