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Mrs. Heather McTeer Toney  
Regional Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960

Re: Area designations for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard for the State of Florida

Dear Mrs. Toney,

Pursuant to Section 107(d)(1)(A) of the Clean Air Act, the State of Florida recommends that the entire State of Florida be designated as “attainment” for the 2015 revised primary eight-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone (O<sub>3</sub>).

Florida bases this recommendation upon the most recent three years of ozone ambient air quality monitoring data (2013-2015), which show that Florida meets the revised standard of 75 parts per billion (see attached diagram of design values statewide). Florida understands that the Environmental Protection Agency may ultimately designate areas using 2014-2016 air quality monitoring data, and the state is confident that the 2016 data will further support its recommendation of a statewide designation of attainment.

Florida gathers its data through a network of 57 ozone air quality monitors – 50% more monitors than the minimum required by federal law. Florida has produced a clear historical record of ozone concentration data sufficient to support the state’s attainment designation. Overall, Florida’s ozone values have been, and are expected to remain, well below the revised standard. These facts speak to the state’s ongoing commitment to maintaining and enhancing air quality for the benefit of its citizens and visitors.

If you have any questions about this recommendation, please contact Preston McLane at (850) 717-9089.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Justin B. Green".

Justin B. Green  
Director, Division of Air Resource Management

Encl.

cc: Scott Davis, Chief, Air Planning Branch, EPA – Region 4  
Paula Cobb, Deputy Secretary for Regulatory Programs, Florida DEP