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Robert A. Kaplan, Acting Regional Administrator  
Office of the Regional Administrator, R-19J  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, IL 60604-3507

Dear Mr. Kaplan,

On behalf of Governor Rauner, and pursuant to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's revision to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone dated October 26, 2015, I am submitting our recommendations for attainment and nonattainment designations for the State of Illinois. Included with Illinois' recommendations is a supporting document prepared by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA). The Illinois EPA will also provide this document to your staff in electronic format to facilitate your timely review.

Specifically, the following designations are recommended for Illinois:

County	Recommended Designation	Name of Area
Cook	Nonattainment	Chicago
DuPage	Nonattainment	Chicago
Kane	Nonattainment	Chicago
Lake	Nonattainment	Chicago
Will	Nonattainment	Chicago
McHenry	Nonattainment	Chicago
Kendall: Oswego Township All Other Townships	Nonattainment Unclassifiable/ Attainment	Chicago
Grundy: Aux Sable Township Goose Lake Township All Other Townships	Nonattainment Nonattainment Unclassifiable/ Attainment	Chicago Chicago
Madison	Nonattainment	Metro-East
Monroe	Nonattainment	Metro-East
St. Clair	Nonattainment	Metro-East
All Other Counties	Unclassifiable/ Attainment	

We are recommending that the portions of the Chicago and Metro-East St. Louis metropolitan areas described above be designated as nonattainment for the 2015 ozone NAAQS, as violations of the revised ozone standard have been measured in these areas during 2013-2015. The remainder of Illinois is attaining the revised ozone standard and should, therefore, be designated as unclassifiable/attainment. The recommended nonattainment boundaries are the same as the boundaries established pursuant to the 2008 ozone NAAQS.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact David Bloomberg at 217-524-4949 or via e-mail at [David.Bloomberg@illinois.gov](mailto:David.Bloomberg@illinois.gov).

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alec Messina". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Alec Messina  
Acting Director

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