



September 29, 2016

KATE BROWN
Governor

Dennis McLerran
Regional Administrator
U.S. EPA, Region 10
1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900
Seattle, WA 98101

Re: Recommendations for Ozone Area Designations

Dear Mr. McLerran:

I am pleased to present to you my recommendations for attainment and nonattainment air quality designations in the State of Oregon for the revised eight-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS), as required in the Final Rule published on October 26, 2015 in the Federal Register.

Based on the most recent three years of quality-assured, federal reference monitoring data collected in 2013, 2014, and 2015, all areas in Oregon are in compliance with the revised ozone public health standard. Therefore, in accordance with US EPA guidance, I recommend all counties in the state of Oregon be designated "unclassifiable/attainment."

In Oregon, the Portland and Medford areas had formerly been designated as "nonattainment". We continue to keep these regions below applicable standards. Other areas, such as Hermiston, are also receiving our careful attention. In these regions, we are working diligently to ensure air quality meets the new federal standard.

If you have any questions, please contact David Collier, Manager, Air Quality Planning, Department of Environmental Quality, at (503) 229-5177.

Sincerely,

Governor Kate Brown

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Pete Shepherd, Interim Director, Oregon DEQ
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