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Ms. Kyra Moore, Director
Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Air Pollution Control Program
1659 East Elm Street
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Dear Ms. Moore:

I am pleased to approve the 2015 Missouri Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Plan and the state of Missouri Five-Year Air Monitoring Network Assessment. Both plans were reviewed and found to be in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Part 58.

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources submitted the 2015 Five-Year Air Monitoring Network Assessment in a letter dated June 29, 2015, and submitted the 2015 Missouri Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Plan on September 24, 2015. The 2015 annual network plan was posted on the MDNR website for public comment on June 15, 2015, as per 40 CFR Part 58. MDNR received comments from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Washington University School of Law. The comments generally related to the ambient air monitoring networks for the Ameren UE Labadie and Rush Island Energy Centers. MDNR responded to the EPA and Washington University School of Law comments in letters dated October 13, 2015, and November 19, 2015. MDNR made no changes to the plans as a result public comments.

With regards to the sulfur dioxide monitors in the annual plan at Ameren UE Labadie and Rush Island, because the sulfur dioxide monitors are designated as special purpose monitors in the plans, we have not evaluated these monitors consistent with EPA's Data Requirements Rule for the 1-hour Sulfur Dioxide Primary National Ambient Air Quality standard nor the December 2013 SO₂ NAAQS Designations Source-Oriented Monitoring Technical Assistance Document. Should the MDNR pursue changing the designation of these monitors from special purpose monitoring to a state or local air monitoring station for the purpose NAAQS compliance, the EPA would then evaluate these monitors consistent with the Data Requirements Rule for the 1-hour Sulfur Dioxide Primary National Ambient Air Quality standard and the December 2013 SO₂ NAAQS Designations Source-Oriented Monitoring TAD. We look forward to continuing discussions regarding the placement of the sulfur dioxide monitors in the state.

As such, EPA is approving MDNR's 2015 Annual Monitoring Network Plan, and the Five-Year Air Monitoring Network Assessment for all portions of the plans. Your air monitoring staff is to be



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commended for their hard work and attention to detail while completing the annual network plan. Your actions and dedication directly support the EPA's strategic air quality goals by operating and maintaining the Missouri air monitoring network.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Hague', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark Hague