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Mark J. Hague
Regional Administrator
Region 7, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
11201 Renner Blvd
Lenexa, KS 66219

Re: Designation Recommendations for the 1-hour SO₂ NAAQS

Dear Administrator Hague:

With this letter I am amending my recommendation of June 2, 2011, and now recommend a classification of "unclassifiable/attainment" for all counties in Iowa not yet designated for the 1-hour sulfur dioxide (SO₂) National Ambient Air quality Standard (NAAQS). This recommendation includes all portions of Muscatine County not yet designated for the 1-hour SO₂ NAAQS. Additionally, I request that EPA redesignate Woodbury County from "unclassifiable" to "unclassifiable/attainment."

My recommendation provided in 2011 predates the March 2, 2015, federal consent decree and the August 21, 2015 (80 FR 51051) Data Requirements Rule for the 1-hour SO₂ NAAQS which together establish new deadlines, procedures, and criteria through which the states and EPA will finish the designations process.

The technical information provided in the attached document supports a designation recommendation of "unclassifiable/attainment" for each County in Iowa not yet designated for the 1-hour SO₂ NAAQS and supports my request to redesignate Woodbury County from "unclassifiable" to "unclassifiable/attainment."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry E. Branstad".

Terry E. Branstad
Governor of Iowa

Enclosure