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The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor of Pennsylvania
222 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Governor Wolf:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) proposed designations for certain areas in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Pennsylvania) for the 2010 Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for sulfur dioxide (SO₂). The designations for this NAAQS are an important part of the EPA's commitment to a clean, healthy environment. These proposed designations are a response to designations-related recommendations and information Pennsylvania submitted in letters dated June 23, 2011 and April 8, 2013.¹

On July 25, 2013, EPA designated certain areas in 16 states as nonattainment, but did not at that time designate other areas. Additional areas were designated on June 30, 2016 and November 29, 2016. In Pennsylvania, the following areas were designated as per 40 CFR part 81 in these previous actions: Allegheny, PA; Beaver, PA; Indiana, PA; and Warren, PA. Pursuant to a March 2, 2015 court-ordered schedule,² EPA must complete the remaining SO₂ designations by two specific deadlines: December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2020. Pursuant to section 107(d)(1)(B)(ii) of the Clean Air Act, this letter is to notify you of EPA's assessment regarding Pennsylvania's recommended designations for all remaining undesignated areas in Pennsylvania. EPA will promulgate the final designations for the areas identified in this letter by December 31, 2017. Areas that are associated with sources for which Pennsylvania elected to install and begin operating a new SO₂ monitoring network will be designated by December 31, 2020, consistent with the prescribed timing of the consent order. In Pennsylvania, this applies to York County.

After carefully considering Pennsylvania's recommendations and all available information, including air dispersion modeling analysis and current (2014-2016) air monitoring data, EPA proposes to designate the following areas as indicated below. EPA regulations for implementing the SO₂ NAAQS require the Commonwealth to characterize SO₂ air quality in each of these listed areas. EPA proposes to designate the following areas as a separate unclassifiable or unclassifiable/attainment area as indicated.

¹ Pennsylvania also provided information relevant to these designations in letters dated June 23, 2016 and December 14, 2016.

² *Sierra Club v. McCarthy*, No. 3-13-cv-3953 (SI) (N.D. Cal. Mar. 2, 2015).

Proposed Unclassifiable Area or Partial Area (p)	Included Counties
Allegheny (p)*	Remainder of County
Cambria	Cambria County
Clearfield	Clearfield County
Carbon	Carbon County
Lawrence	Lawrence County
Lehigh	Lehigh County
Northampton	Northampton County
Schuylkill	Schuylkill County

Proposed Unclassifiable/Attainment Area	Included Counties
Montour*	Montour County
Philadelphia-Delaware*	Philadelphia County and Delaware County

An asterisk (*) indicates that EPA's proposed designation for this area represents a modification to the designation that you have most recently recommended.

The Technical Support Document for our proposed designations is available at <https://www.epa.gov/sulfur-dioxide-designations>. Chapter 35 of this document addresses the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

In addition, EPA proposes to designate as unclassifiable/attainment all remaining areas of the Commonwealth that were not required to be characterized and for which EPA does not have information that suggests the area may not be meeting the NAAQS or contributing to air quality in a nearby area that does not meet the NAAQS. A list of these remaining areas is included in the Enclosure.

If you or your staff have additional information that the EPA should consider prior to finalizing these designations, please submit it as soon as possible but no later than October 23, 2017. You may submit additional information by sending it to EPA's public docket for these designations, EPA-HQ-OAR-2017-0003, located at www.regulations.gov, and sending a copy to EPA Region III. EPA also will publish a notice in the *Federal Register* announcing a 30-day comment period for the public to provide input on EPA's proposed designations.

Thank you for Pennsylvania's efforts throughout the designations process. We share your goal to provide cleaner air for citizens in Pennsylvania, and we look forward to a continued dialogue with you and your staff as we work together to complete the area designations and implement the 2010 primary SO₂ NAAQS. For additional information regarding designations under the SO₂ NAAQS, please visit our website at <https://www.epa.gov/sulfur-dioxide-designations>. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me, or have your staff contact Ms. Sasha Brown of my staff at 215-814-5404 or Brown.Kinshasa@epa.gov.

Sincerely,



Cecil Rodrigues
Acting Regional Administrator

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Patrick McDonnell, Secretary
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

Enclosure

List of all remaining areas of Pennsylvania that were not required to be characterized and for which EPA does not have information that suggests the area may not be meeting the NAAQS or contributing to air quality in a nearby area that does not meet the NAAQS. EPA proposes to designate each of these areas as a separate unclassifiable/attainment area.

Proposed Unclassifiable/Attainment Area or Partial Area (p)	Included Area, If Partial County
Adams County *	
Armstrong County (p)*	Remainder of County
Beaver County (p)*	Remainder of County
Bedford County*	
Berks County*	
Blair County*	
Bradford County*	
Bucks County*	
Butler County*	
Cameron County*	
Centre County*	
Chester County*	
Clarion County*	
Clinton County *	
Columbia County*	
Crawford County*	
Cumberland County*	
Dauphin County*	
Elk County*	
Erie County*	
Fayette County*	
Forest County*	
Franklin County*	

Fulton County*	
Greene County*	
Huntingdon County*	
Jefferson County*	
Juniata County*	
Lackawanna County*	
Lancaster County*	
Lebanon County*	
Luzerne County*	
Lycoming County*	
McKean County*	
Mercer County*	
Mifflin County*	
Monroe County*	
Montgomery County*	
Northumberland County*	
Perry County*	
Pike County*	
Potter County*	
Snyder County*	
Somerset County*	
Sullivan County*	
Susquehanna County*	
Tioga County*	
Union County*	
Venango County*	
Warren County (p)*	Remainder of County
Washington County*	
Wayne County*	
Westmoreland County*	