

Technical Support Document:

Chapter 17

Final Round 3 Area Designations for the 2010 1-Hour SO₂ Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Maine

Pursuant to section 107(d) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (the EPA, we, or us) must designate areas as either “nonattainment,” “attainment,” or “unclassifiable” for the 2010 1-hour sulfur dioxide (SO₂) primary national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) (2010 SO₂ NAAQS). Our Notice of Availability (NOA)¹ and Technical Support Document² for our intended designations for this round of designations which we are required to complete by December 31, 2017, provided background on the relevant CAA definitions and the history of the designations for this NAAQS. Chapter 1 of this TSD for the final designations explains the definitions we are applying in the final designations. The TSD for the intended Round 3 area designations also described Maine’s recommended designations, assessed the available relevant monitoring, modeling, and any other information, and provided our intended designations.

For Maine, there have been no changes in Maine’s recommended designations since we communicated our intended designations for areas in Maine. In addition, neither Maine nor any other party submitted additional relevant information since the publication of the NOA. This TSD does not repeat information contained in the TSD for our intended designations. For areas of Maine that are part of the Round 3 designations process, we are finalizing the designations described in our 120-day letters and the TSD for the intended Round 3 area designations. All the final designations are listed in Table 1 below.

For the areas in Maine that are part of the Round 3 designations process, Table 1 identifies the EPA’s final designations and the counties or portions of counties to which they apply. It also lists Maine’s current recommendations, which have not been modified since our 120-day letters were sent. The EPA’s final designations for these areas are based on an assessment and characterization of air quality through ambient air quality data, air dispersion modeling, other evidence and supporting information, or a combination of the above.

¹ EPA Responses to Certain State Designation Recommendations for the 2010 Sulfur Dioxide Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard: Notification of Availability and Public Comment Period, September 5, 2017 (82 FR 41903)

² Intended Round 3 Area Designations for the 2010 1-Hour SO₂ Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard Technical Support Document, August 2017. <https://www.epa.gov/sulfur-dioxide-designations/initial-technical-support-documents-area-designations-round-3>

Table 1. Summary of the EPA’s Final Designations and the Designation Recommendations by Maine

Area/ County	Maine’s Recommended Area Definition	Maine’s Recommended Designation	EPA’s Intended Designation	EPA’s Final Area Definition	EPA’s Final Designation³
Entire State of Maine	Entire State of Maine	Unclassifiable	Unclassifiable/ Attainment	Same as State’s	Attainment/ Unclassifiable

³ Refer to Chapter 1 of Technical Support Document: Final Round 3 Area Designations for the 2010 1-Hour SO₂ Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard for definitions of the designation categories and the terminology change from Unclassifiable/Attainment to Attainment/Unclassifiable.