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Dear Ms. Hedman:

Re: Technical Addendum to Provide Updated  
Recommendations Concerning Air Quality  
Designations for the 2010 1-Hour National  
Ambient Air Quality Standard for Sulfur  
Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>)

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) has prepared this technical addendum to provide updated designation recommendations concerning the 2010 1-Hour National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>).

Indiana's initial designation recommendations for the 2010 revised 1-Hour SO<sub>2</sub> NAAQS were sent to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) on May 11, 2011. A technical addendum with updated recommendations was sent to U.S. EPA on January 6, 2012. Since that time, 2011 1-hour SO<sub>2</sub> monitoring data for the State of Indiana has been quality assured. Based on the 2009 through 2011 1-hour SO<sub>2</sub> monitoring data, Indiana wishes to update its nonattainment recommendations. Specifically, Indiana is now recommending Fulton Township in Fountain County, Eugene Township in Vermillion County and Montgomery Township in Gibson County as unclassifiable. See Enclosure 2 for a summary table of the changes to Indiana's designation recommendations.

The following enclosures are included with this letter:

- Enclosure 1: 2000 through 2011 Indiana 1-hour SO<sub>2</sub> Monitoring Data
- Enclosure 2: Changes to Indiana's Designation Recommendations
- Enclosure 3: Map of Indiana SO<sub>2</sub> Designation Recommendations
- Enclosure 4: Fountain County SO<sub>2</sub> Missing Data Analysis



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As outlined in Enclosure 4, the 2009 through 2011 monitoring design value for the Fountain County, Indiana monitor is incomplete. Indiana has completed an analysis regarding the missing data for the first quarter of 2011. The analysis shows that the Fountain County monitor value should be deemed well below the 1-hour SO<sub>2</sub> standard.

Indiana reserves the right to supplement and/or revise the recommendations contained herein as additional monitoring and modeling information become available. I appreciate the opportunity to provide updated designation recommendations to U.S. EPA concerning the SO<sub>2</sub> NAAQS. Likewise, I look forward to working with your staff as U.S. EPA moves forward with the designation process. If you have questions regarding Indiana's recommendations, please feel free to contact me at (317) 232-8611 or Keith Baugues, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Air Quality, at (317) 232-8222.

Sincerely



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Enclosures

- Enclosure 1: 2000 through 2011 Indiana 1-hour SO<sub>2</sub> Monitoring Data
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**Enclosure 2**  
**Changes to Indiana's Designation Recommendations**

County (Monitor ID)	2009-2011 Design Value (ppm)	Indiana's Updated Designation Recommendations for 1-hour SO <sub>2</sub> NAAQS
Fountain (180450001)	<b>31</b>	Entire County Unclassifiable
Gibson (180510002)	69	Entire County Unclassifiable
Vermillion		Entire County Unclassifiable

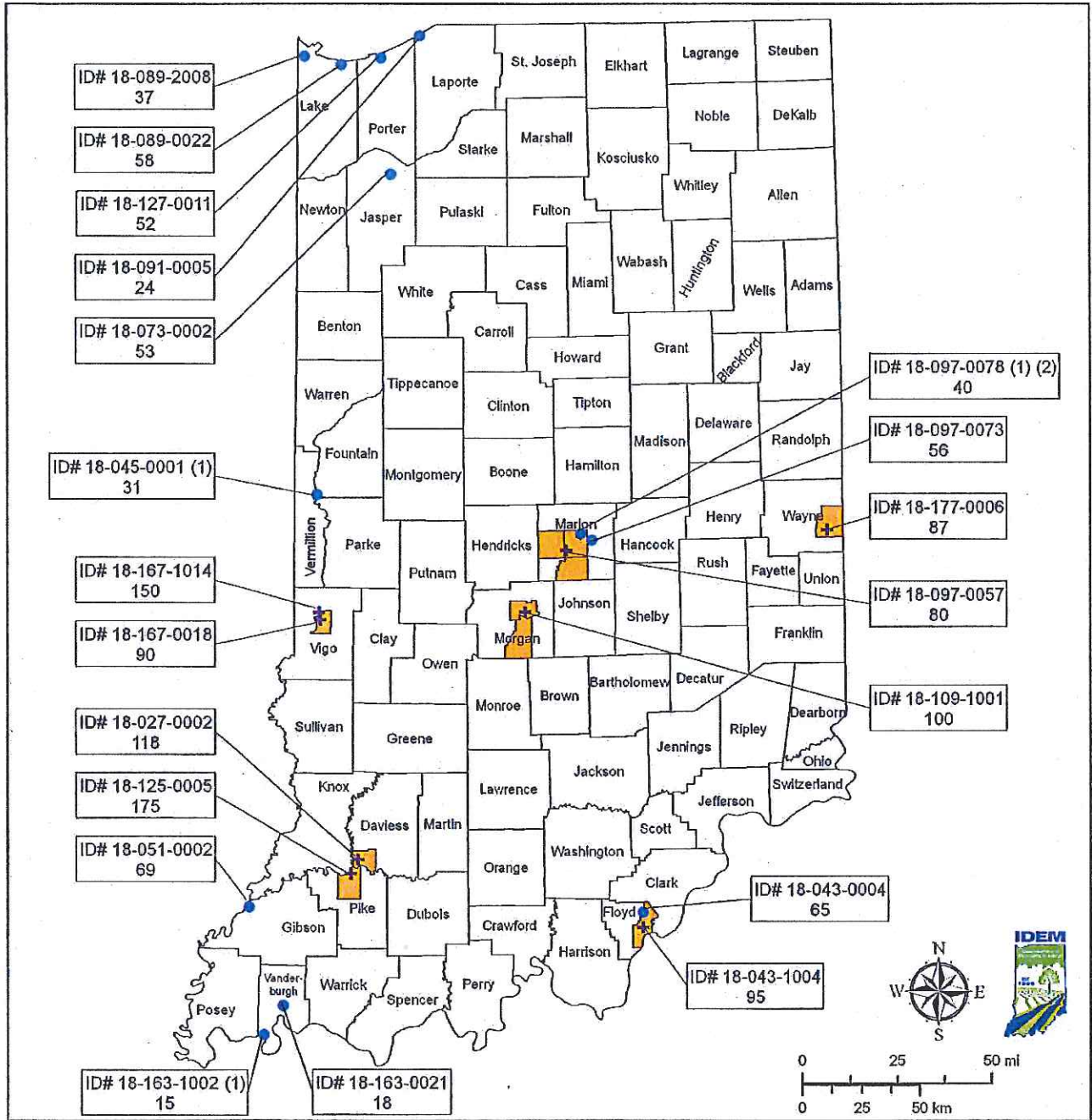
**Incomplete Data**

**Note:** There is no SO<sub>2</sub> monitor in Vermillion County.



# Enclosure 3

## Map of Indiana 1-Hour SO2 Designation Recommendations



This map is intended to serve as an aid in graphic representation only. This information is not warranted for accuracy or other purposes.

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Non Orthophotography Data - Obtained from the State of Indiana Geographical Information Office Library and OAQ  
Orthophotography - Obtained from Indiana Map Framework Data ([www.indianamap.org](http://www.indianamap.org))

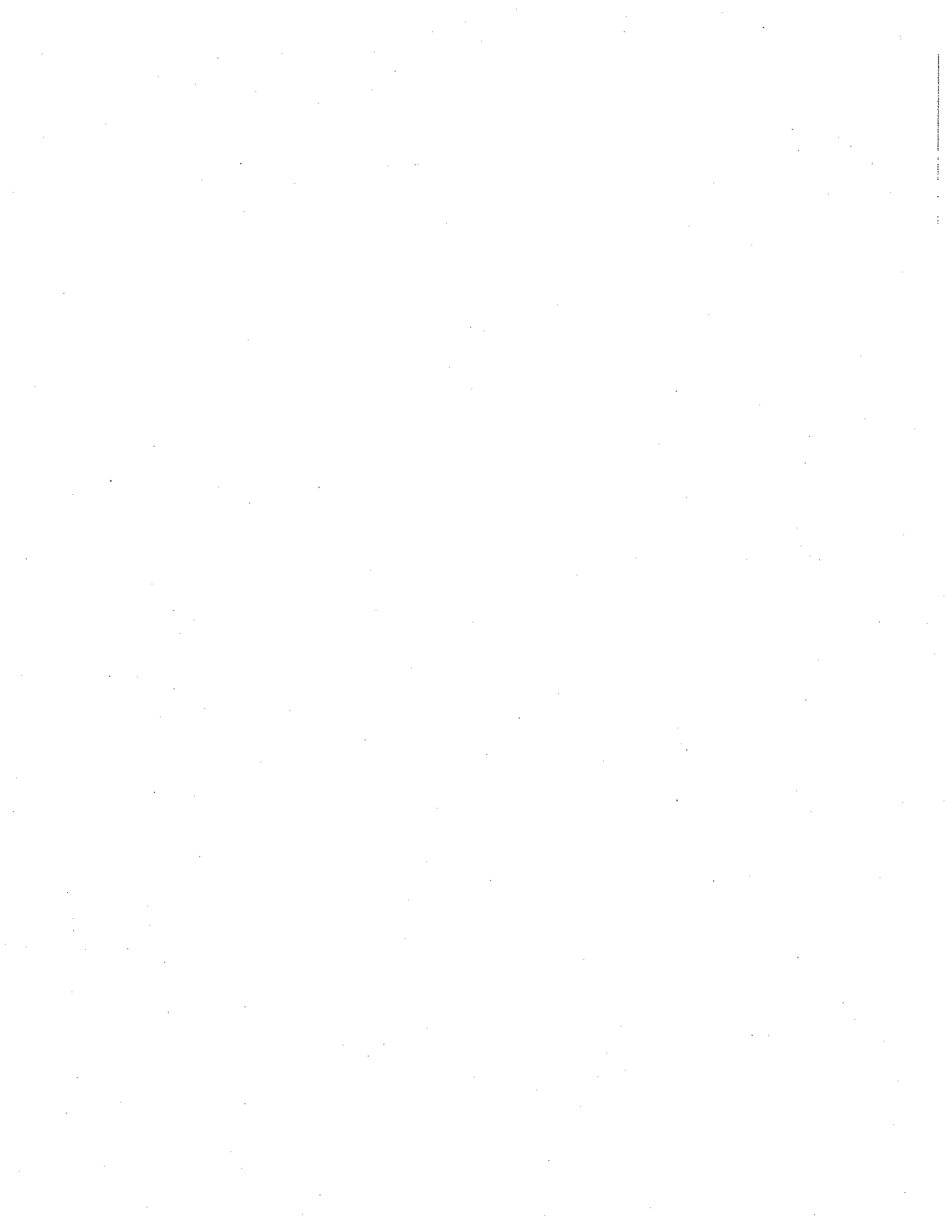
Map Projection: UTM Zone 16 N Map Datum: NAD83

### Legend

- SO<sub>2</sub> Monitor with Design Value Less Than 76 ppb.
- ⊕ SO<sub>2</sub> Monitor with Design Value Greater Than Or Equal To 76 ppb.
- Proposed Nonattainment Area
- Unclassifiable Area

Notes:  
- Values posted are in units of ppb.  
- SO<sub>2</sub> Design Value Based on 2009 - 2011 Data.  
(1) Based on incomplete data.  
(2) Based on two years of data.







## Enclosure 4

Missing Data Analysis for Cayuga monitor #18-045-0001, Fountain County Indiana

### Estimation of Missing SO<sub>2</sub> Monitor Values

**Problem:** The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2011 SO<sub>2</sub> hourly ambient monitoring data from the Cayuga monitor, (ID# 18-045-0001) located in Fountain County, did not meet the 75% completeness requirements to calculate a valid design value for the 3-year, 1-hour primary standard for SO<sub>2</sub>.

#### **Goal:**

Estimate missing daily 1-hour max SO<sub>2</sub> values at the Cayuga monitor (#18-045-0001) from 1/12/2011 to 3/3/2011, and calculate the three year design value for the 1-hour SO<sub>2</sub> NAAQS.

#### **Methods:**

Two separate analyses were performed to evaluate the potential of the Cayuga 1-hour SO<sub>2</sub> monitor having an exceedance of the 1-hour standard during a time period where the monitor was not functioning. One method followed U.S. EPA's recommendations as outlined in the Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Sulfur Dioxide. The other was a multiple linear regression using continuous emissions monitoring information and meteorological data.

#### **SO<sub>2</sub> Design Value Substitution Method for 2009-2011 data years at the Cayuga Monitor (ID# 18-045-0001), located in Fountain County, Indiana**

##### **Substitution Method**

As per the "test design value" method described in Appendix T of the 2010 Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Sulfur Dioxide (75 Federal Register 35596), in the case where a design value is calculated using data which does not meet the 75% completeness requirements, the U.S. EPA allows the use of a substitution test to validate the design value. If the design value (calculated using data from a quarter with less than 75% data capture) is less than or equal to the 75 ppb SO<sub>2</sub> primary NAAQS standard, the substitution test requires use of the highest reported daily maximum 1-hour value from the same site for the same quarter (in this case, the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter) within the three year span under consideration as a substitute for missing data values. This substitution method was considered valid at this site because there were at least 200

days with valid monitoring data across the three quarters under consideration (1<sup>st</sup> quarter for years 2009, 2010 and 2011), which met the 75% completeness requirements. The table below summarizes the number of days with valid monitoring data from 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2009-2011 for Monitor ID#18-045-0001.

**Table 1. Monitor ID#18-045-0001: number of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter days from 2009-2011 with valid monitoring data (must be >200).**

2009	2010	2011	Total Days
90	90	39	219

After ranking all of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter daily maximum values for 2009-2011 (including days with less than 75% data capture) from highest to lowest, it was determined that the highest daily maximum reported concentration was 51 ppb. There were 51 reported missing days in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2011 at the Cayuga monitor (from 1/12/2011 to 3/3/2011), for which 51 ppb was substituted.

The U.S. EPA method for calculating the 3-year, 1-hour primary standard design value was then applied using the substituted data (75 FR 35597). Table 2 shows the procedure for determining which value to use as the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile value. For all three years under consideration, the 4<sup>th</sup> highest value was determined to be the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile value for that year.

**Table 2. Determination of 99<sup>th</sup> percentile value rank.**

Year	Annual number of days with valid data (>75% hours in day)
2009	365, P <sub>0.99</sub> = 4 <sup>th</sup> highest value
2010	365, P <sub>0.99</sub> = 4 <sup>th</sup> highest value
2011	306, P <sub>0.99</sub> = 4 <sup>th</sup> highest value

**Design Values:** Table 3 shows the values used to calculate the test design value. This was calculated by taking the mean of the 4<sup>th</sup> highest value for each year from 2009-2011 after ranking all daily maximum values from highest to lowest. The calculated test design value using the substituted data for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2011 was 38.3 ppb. Note that the 2011 data uses the substituted 51 ppb value.

The test design value of 38.3 ppb is below the 3-year, 1-hour primary standard for SO<sub>2</sub>, thus the data has passed the diagnostic test and is deemed valid. A valid 3-year design value was then calculated using the data actually reported for the period. The results of this analysis are presented in Table 4.

**Table 3. Monitor ID#18-045-0001: 3-year Test Design Value for 2009-2011.**

Year	Date	Max Daily Value of Hourly SO <sub>2</sub> (ppb)
2009	2/5/2009	49
	1/12/2009	43
	12/16/2009	41
	2/6/2009	<b>38 (P<sub>0.99</sub>)</b>
2010	2/1/2010	32
	1/13/2010	28
	12/10/2010	28
	3/30/2010	<b>26 (P<sub>0.99</sub>)</b>
2011	3/20/2011	51*
	3/20/2011	51*
	3/20/2011	51*
	3/20/2011	<b>51* (P<sub>0.99</sub>)</b>
<b>2009-2011 Test Design Value</b>		<b>38.3</b>

**Table 4. Monitor ID#18-045-0001: 3-year Design Value for 2009-2011.**

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	2/6/2009	<b>38 (P<sub>0.99</sub>)</b>
2010	2/1/2010	32
	1/13/2010	28
	12/10/2010	28
	3/30/2010	<b>26 (P<sub>0.99</sub>)</b>
2011	3/20/2011	51
	12/12/2011	37
	11/18/2011	30
	12/11/2011	<b>29 (P<sub>0.99</sub>)</b>
<b>2009-2011 Design Value</b>		<b>31</b>

\*substituted highest reported daily maximum value across 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter from 2009-2011

Utilizing the U.S. EPA's method for substitution of missing 1-hour SO<sub>2</sub> ambient monitoring data, it was determined that a valid 3-year design value could be calculated for the Cayuga monitor (ID# 18-045-0001) for data years 2009-2011. The calculated design value of 31 ppb demonstrates that the Cayuga site is below the 75 ppb NAAQS 1-hour primary standard for SO<sub>2</sub>.

### Multiple Linear Regression

The multiple linear regression used continuous emissions monitoring (CEMs) data from the primary source of SO<sub>2</sub> and compared the concentrations to the ambient monitor (EGU located 2.72 miles south-southwest of the monitor) as well as factored in meteorological data (from a monitor located in Carroll County). This method statistically fills in the missing data by performing a multi variable correlation analyses from the CEMs data during the time the ambient air monitor was not operational.

Below is a table of variables used in the regression. All data are the available daily values between January 1, 2009 and May 31, 2011 (n=643).

Variable	Description	Type
<b>monitor</b>	Maximum 1-hour SO2 value (ppb)	Continuous
<b>maxemit</b>	Maximum one hour emissions (lbs)	Continuous
<b>meanemit</b>	Mean 24-hour SO2 emissions (lbs)	Continuous
<b>maxdirection</b>	Resultant 1-hour wind direction corresponding to the maximum 1-hour monitor value for the day—binary variable using a 90 degree wedge in reference to the source and its likely impact on the monitor	Indicator
<b>meandirection</b>	Resultant 24-hour wind direction—binary variable using a 90 degree wedge in reference to the source and its likely impact on the monitor	Indicator
<b>maxtemp</b>	Maximum 1-hour temperature (°F)	Continuous
<b>meantemp</b>	Mean 24-hour temperature (°F)	Continuous
<b>maxhumid</b>	Maximum 1-hour relative humidity (%)	Continuous
<b>meanhumid</b>	Mean 24-hour relative humidity (%)	Continuous

#### Model:

The following model was used for the regression,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{monitor}_t = & \text{monitor}_{t-1} + \text{monitor}_{t-5} + (\text{maxdirection}_t \times \text{maxemit}_t) + (\text{maxdirection}_t \\
 & \times \sqrt{\text{maxemit}_t}) + (\text{maxdirection}_t \times \log(\text{maxemit}_t)) \\
 & + (\text{maxdirection}_t \times e^{-\text{maxemit}_t}) + (\text{meandirection}_t \times e^{-\text{meanemit}_t}) \\
 & + \text{maxhumid}_t + \sqrt{\text{maxhumid}_t} + \log(\text{maxhumid}_t) + \sqrt{\text{meanhumid}_t} \\
 & + \text{maxtemp}_t + \sqrt{\text{maxtemp}_t} + \log(\text{maxtemp}_t) + \text{meantemp}_t
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\text{monitor}_{t-1}$  is the monitor value from the previous day, and  $\text{monitor}_{t-5}$  is the monitor value from the fifth previous day.

Regression Statistic	Value
<b>Adjusted Correlation Coefficient (r)</b>	0.4839
<b>Adjusted Coefficient of Determination (r<sup>2</sup>)</b>	0.2342
<b>Standard Error (SE)</b>	5.209
<b>P-value</b>	0.000

#### Results:

The three year design value for the monitor for years 2009, 2010, and 2011 was calculated to be 33.9 ppb.

Instead of creating a confidence interval using an arbitrary confidence level, an upper confidence estimate was created by comparing the fitted values from the model to the actual model results for every day from 1/12/2010 to 3/3/2010 (the same time period being estimated in 2011). The largest absolute error between the modeled fitted values and the observed monitor values was found (26.19 ppb). One-step-ahead prediction was performed for the missing monitor days, and 26.19 ppb was added to every predicted value. These upper confidence limit estimates were then combined with the valid monitor values from 2011 and the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile was found (37.72 ppb).

The  $r^2$  for the model is not particularly high, and the mean absolute percentage error for prediction (calculated for the last 10 days of May, 2011) was also not particularly good (63%). There are several possible reasons for the low  $r^2$  value. This may be because local meteorological data was not available. There may also be another unidentified local source of SO<sub>2</sub> that is impacting the monitor. Also, the regional background could fluctuate appreciably, adding a significant amount of noise to the data. The  $r^2$  could possibly still be improved by finding another set of meteorological data that is a better representation of the local conditions at this monitor. It might also be improved by using emissions data from other local sources, and/or including estimations of the regional SO<sub>2</sub> background concentration.

The inclusion of so many different transformations on a single variable (specifically, the *maxemit* variable is included as  $\sqrt{\text{maxemit}}$ ,  $\log(\text{maxemit})$ , and  $\exp(-\text{maxemit})$ ) indicates that the model may be finding small variations in the data that are not from the signal (i.e., it's describing patterns in the noise). This would cause problems for prediction. However, these terms were added because they each, individually, have a high correlation with the response variable, when compared to all of the other explanatory variables considered for the model. It may be desirable to remove some of the transformed versions of the same variable to obtain a more parsimonious model, but this would result in a lower  $r^2$  for the model.

### **Conclusion:**

Both evaluation methods derived design values that were well below the regulatory standard. Both evaluations applied conservative factors to the analyses to give a "high end" value. Even with this level of conservatism included in the analyses, the design value was just over half the regulatory limit. The independent evaluations of the missing data also derived values that were close to each other which adds to the weight of evidence that the methods are accurate. These two analyses demonstrate that it is extremely unlikely that SO<sub>2</sub> concentrations during the time of the missing ambient air monitoring data would have been at levels to cause a violation of the standard.