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**Sheila Holman**  
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Environment and Natural Resources  
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Dear Ms. Holman:

On February 6, 2013, a letter was sent to Governor Pat McCrory from Gwendolyn Keyes Fleming, Regional Administrator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4, related to the air quality designations for North Carolina for the 2010 revision to the primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>). In that letter, the EPA cited air quality data from 2009 – 2011. We are writing to clarify that, in fact, the EPA reviewed the most recent monitored air quality data for North Carolina and found no violations of the SO<sub>2</sub> NAAQS.

As mentioned in the February 6, 2013, letter, we look forward to a continued dialogue with you and your staff as we work together to implement the 2010 primary SO<sub>2</sub> standard. For additional information regarding initial designations on the SO<sub>2</sub> standard, please visit our website at [www.epa.gov/so2designations](http://www.epa.gov/so2designations). Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me or Scott Davis of my staff at 404-562-9127.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Beverly H. Banister".

**Beverly H. Banister**  
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