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Dear Mr. Brooks:

On January 20, 2011, Nebraska submitted a designation recommendation for the revised nitrogen dioxide primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) which became effective January 22, 2010. The recommendation was for the entire state to be designated as "unclassifiable" based upon the fact that nitrogen dioxide had not been and was not required to be monitored. Thank you for your response dated June 28, 2011.

Per the guidance that you provided in your response and to ensure the continued effective implementation of the Prevention of Significant Deterioration Program, I appreciate the opportunity to clarify the Nebraska designation recommendation:

1. Nebraska recommends that each of Nebraska's 93 counties, as identified in Attachment 1, be individually classified as "unclassifiable/attainment" for the January 22, 2010 revised nitrogen dioxide primary NAAQS.

I understand the intention of the Environmental Protection Agency to redesignate, as appropriate, areas of the state once sufficient air quality monitoring information is available. We look forward to working with EPA Region VII on this process.

Thank you for your continuing dialogue on the designation process. If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Shelley Schneider, NDEQ Air Quality Division Administrator, at (402) 471-4299 or shelley.schneider@nebraska.gov; or Brian Kozisek, NDEQ NAAQS Coordinator, at (402) 471-4212 or brian.kozisek@nebraska.gov.

Sincerely,

Mike Linder, Director
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c: Becky Weber, Air, RCRA, and Toxics Divisions, U.S. EPA, Region VII
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Enclosure: Attachment 1

Attachment 1

Nebraska County	Designation Recommendation
1. Adams County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
2. Antelope County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
3. Arthur County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
4. Banner County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
5. Blaine County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
6. Boone County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
7. Box Butte County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
8. Boyd County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
9. Brown County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
10. Buffalo County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
11. Burt County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
12. Butler County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
13. Cass County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
14. Cedar County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
15. Chase County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
16. Cherry County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
17. Cheyenne County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
18. Clay County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
19. Colfax County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
20. Cuming County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
21. Custer County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
22. Dakota County	Unclassifiable/Attainment

23.	Dawes County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
24.	Dawson County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
25.	Deuel County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
26.	Dixon County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
27.	Dodge County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
28.	Douglas County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
29.	Dundy County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
30.	Fillmore County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
31.	Franklin County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
32.	Frontier County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
33.	Furnas County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
34.	Gage County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
35.	Garden County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
36.	Garfield County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
37.	Gosper County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
38.	Grant County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
39.	Greeley County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
40.	Hall County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
41.	Hamilton County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
42.	Harlan County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
43.	Hayes County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
44.	Hitchcock County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
45.	Holt County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
46.	Hooker County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
47.	Howard County	Unclassifiable/Attainment

48.	Jefferson County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
49.	Johnson County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
50.	Kearney County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
51.	Keith County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
52.	Keya Paha County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
53.	Kimball County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
54.	Knox County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
55.	Lancaster County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
56.	Lincoln County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
57.	Logan County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
58.	Loup County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
59.	Madison County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
60.	McPherson County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
61.	Merrick County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
62.	Morrill County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
63.	Nance County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
64.	Nemaha County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
65.	Nuckolls County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
66.	Otoe County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
67.	Pawnee County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
68.	Perkins County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
69.	Phelps County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
70.	Pierce County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
71.	Platte County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
72.	Polk County	Unclassifiable/Attainment

73.	Red Willow County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
74.	Richardson County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
75.	Rock County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
76.	Saline County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
77.	Sarpy County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
78.	Saunders County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
79.	Scotts Bluff County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
80.	Seward County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
81.	Sheridan County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
82.	Sherman County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
83.	Sioux County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
84.	Stanton County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
85.	Thayer County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
86.	Thomas County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
87.	Thurston County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
88.	Valley County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
89.	Washington County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
90.	Wayne County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
91.	Webster County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
92.	Wheeler County	Unclassifiable/Attainment
93.	York County	Unclassifiable/Attainment