



STATE OF NEVADA

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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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RE: Recommended Area Designations for the 2010 Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Nitrogen Dioxide (75 FR 6474, February 9, 2010)

Dear Mr. Blumenfeld:

On behalf of Governor Sandoval, as his appointed designee, pursuant to Section 107(d)(1) of the 1990 Clean Air Act and the recently promulgated NO₂ rule, I am submitting this letter requesting that the State of Nevada be designated attainment or unclassifiable for the 1-hour NO₂ NAAQS, as follows:

- Hydrographic Area 87 (the Truckee Meadows containing the urban areas of Reno-Sparks), Attainment
- All remaining hydrographic areas in the State of Nevada, Unclassifiable

The Air Quality Management Division of the Washoe County District Health Department (Washoe County) has reviewed their 2007 – 2009 data and determined that hydrographic area 87 in Washoe County is in attainment of the 2010 revised 1-hour NO₂ NAAQS. Washoe County is able to make this finding because EPA Region 9 has determined that Washoe's Reno3/NCORE site satisfies the new near-road monitoring requirements stipulated in the 2010 NO₂ NAAQS revision. In addition, Washoe County recommends that the remaining hydrographic areas in the County be designated as unclassifiable due to insufficient monitoring data. A copy of their recommendation letter is enclosed.

Similarly, the Department of Air Quality and Environmental Management (DAQEM) in Clark County has reviewed 2007 – 2009 data. Their two federal reference NO₂ monitors indicate attainment of both the annual and 1-hour primary NO₂ NAAQS, however, neither of these monitors has 75 percent data completeness. Therefore, DAQEM recommends that Clark County be designated as an unclassifiable area for the revised NO₂ NAAQS. A copy of their recommendation letter is enclosed.

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection recommends that the rest of the hydrographic areas in the State be designated unclassifiable because sufficient data are

not available to make an attainment or nonattainment designation. For Prevention of Significant Deterioration baseline and increment tracking purposes, the term "State of Nevada" refers collectively to all the individual section 107(d) hydrographic areas in Nevada, as shown on the State of Nevada Division of Water Resources' map titled *Water Resources and Inter-Basin Flows* (September 1971) and subsequent revisions approved by EPA in Federal Register actions.

If you should have any questions about Nevada's recommended area designations, please contact Greg Remer, Chief, Bureau of Air Quality Planning, at (775) 687-9359.

Sincerely,



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Administrator

Enclosures

cc w/o enclosures:

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