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Mr. Bharat Mathur, Acting Regional Administrator  
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USEPA Region 5, R19J  
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Dear Mr. Mathur:

On behalf of Governor Quinn, and pursuant to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's revision to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone dated March 12, 2008, I am submitting our recommendations for attainment and nonattainment designations for the State of Illinois. Included with Illinois' recommendations is a supporting document prepared by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA). The Illinois EPA will also provide this document to your staff in electronic format to facilitate your timely review.

Specifically, the following designations are recommended for Illinois:

Cook	Nonattainment	Chicago
DuPage	Nonattainment	Chicago
Kane	Nonattainment	Chicago
Lake	Nonattainment	Chicago
Will	Nonattainment	Chicago
McHenry	Nonattainment	Chicago
Kendall: Oswego Township All Other Townships	Nonattainment Attainment	Chicago
Grundy: Aux Sable Township Goose Lake Township All Other Townships	Nonattainment Nonattainment Attainment	Chicago Chicago
Madison	Nonattainment	Metro-East
Monroe	Nonattainment	Metro-East
St. Clair	Nonattainment	Metro-East
All Other Counties	Attainment	

We are recommending that portions of the Chicago and Metro-East metropolitan areas be designated as nonattainment for the revised 8-hour ozone NAAQS. As violations of the revised ozone standard have been measured in these areas during 2006-2008, designating them as nonattainment is appropriate. The remainder of Illinois is attaining the revised ozone standard and should, therefore, be designated as attainment.

The recommended nonattainment boundaries are the same as the boundaries established pursuant to the 1997 revisions of the ozone NAAQS, with the exception of Jersey County. We are recommending that Jersey County, which is located in the Metro-East area in southwestern Illinois, be designated as attainment for the revised ozone standard even though it is currently designated nonattainment for the 1997 version of the standard. Jersey County is rural, with virtually no emission sources, and does not contribute to nearby nonattainment areas. Jersey County was included in the nonattainment area established in 2004 because violations of that standard were measured in 2001-2003 at Illinois EPA's monitoring station located in Jerseyville. Based on 2006-2008 data, the monitoring station located in Jerseyville is attaining not just the level of the standard established in 1997, but it is attaining the level of the revised standard as well.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me or Laurel L. Kroack, Chief of the Bureau of Air at Illinois EPA.

Very truly yours,



Douglas P. Scott  
Director

cc: Cheryl Newton, Acting Chief  
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Attachment