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Mr. Thomas Skinner, Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 5 (RA-19J)
77 West Jackson Boulevard
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RE: Governor's Letter Recommending Attainment Designation for Ozone

Dear Mr. Skinner:

Pursuant to Section 107(d)(1) of the Clean Air Act, and following the revision of the ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) on July 18, 1997, the Governor of Minnesota is recommending that the entire state of Minnesota be designated as attainment for the new eight-hour ozone standard. This recommendation does not include areas within the state that are under tribal jurisdiction. Those tribal governments which have met eligibility determination and have submitted a Tribal Implementation Plan to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) may submit designation requests to EPA under the Tribal Authority Rule of 1998 (63 FR 7254).

This designation recommendation is based on three consecutive years (2000-2002) of air sampling data collected at six federal reference and equivalent method monitors around the state. The summary data are provided as tables of the fourth highest value at each monitoring site for each year (1993-2002) and of three-year calculated averages (1993-1995 through 2000-2002) for each site (enclosed). No site in the state exceeded the new eight-hour standard (0.08 parts per million) for ozone for any three-year period. Quality assured ozone monitoring data for Minnesota has been submitted to the Aerometric Information Retrieval System through 2002. The locations of the ozone monitors in the state are provided by a map (enclosed).

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Commissioner is appointed by the Governor. The Commissioner is duly authorized to submit this letter on behalf of the Governor.

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We anticipate that you will agree with this recommendation for state-wide attainment designation. If you have questions or comments on this submission, please contact Gordon Andersson of my staff at (651) 296-7667.

Sincerely,

Sheryl A. Corrigan
Commissioner

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Enclosures

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