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Ms. Gwendolyn Keyes Fleming
Regional Administrator, EPA Region 4
Atlanta Federal Center
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Dear Ms Fleming:

On December 8, 2011, after considering Alabama's March 12, 2009 and October 11, 2011 ozone designation recommendations, 2008-2010 air quality data and other relevant technical information, EPA issued a letter stating its intent to designate the entire State of Alabama as unclassifiable/attainment for the 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS. This letter is in response to EPA's December 8, 2011 letter.

The process for designating areas following promulgation of a new or revised NAAQS is contained in Clean Air Act (CAA) section 107 (d)(1)(A)(i), (ii), and (iii) (42 U.S.C. 7407). This section of the CAA identifies three potential classifications: nonattainment, attainment and unclassifiable. Given that the designation of unclassifiable/attainment is not included in the CAA as a potential classification, ADEM recommends that the entire State of Alabama be designated as attainment. We believe this classification is consistent with the intent of the CAA, as all monitors in the State, including our most populous areas, indicate attainment of the 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS.

If you have any questions, please contact ADEM Air Division Chief Ronald Gore at 334-271-7868 or by e-mail at rwg@adem.state.al.us.

Sincerely,

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