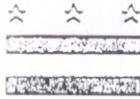


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Donald S. Welsh
Regional Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
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1650 Arch Street
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Dear Mr. Welsh:

The District of Columbia hereby recommends that the entire city be designated as a nonattainment area for the 8-hour Ozone standard.

Sincerely,

Theodore J. Gordon
Senior Deputy Director for
Environmental Health, Science & Regulation

cc: Judith Katz, Director, Air Protection Division, EPA Region 3