March 10, 2009

Mr. Lawrence E. Starfield  
Acting Regional Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 6  
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200  
Dallas, Texas 75202-2733

Dear Mr. Starfield:

Pursuant to the requirements in Section 107(d)(1)(A) of the federal Clean Air Act, we have enclosed the recommendation for designation of areas in Texas with regard to the revised National Ambient Air Quality Standard for eight-hour ozone of 0.075 parts per million.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) developed the enclosed recommendation, considering currently available, eligible monitoring data for all areas in Texas from the 2005-2007 period. The State of Texas recommendation also takes into account the 2008 data, which will be certified in accordance with EPA requirements.

The commission understands that EPA plans to utilize the most recent three years of ambient monitoring data as the basis for designations. Additionally, 2009 certified data may be available for the EPA's consideration in making the designations. TCEQ staff members are available to work with you regarding the appropriate data submission.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact TCEQ Chairman Buddy Garcia at (512) 239-5515.

Sincerely,

Rick Perry  
Governor

RP:tbp

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Buddy Garcia, Chairman, TCEQ
State of Texas
2008 Eight-Hour Ozone Standard of 0.075 parts per million
Designation Recommendation

The following counties, listed by air quality planning area, should be designated nonattainment. All the rest of the counties in Texas should be designated attainment/unclassifiable.

**Austin-Area**
Travis

**Beaumont-Port Arthur Area**
Hardin
Jefferson
Orange

**Dallas-Fort Worth Area**
Collin
Dallas
Denton
Ellis
Hood
Johnson
Kaufman
Parker
Rockwall
Tarrant

*El Paso County* with the exception of tribal lands, i.e., Ysleta Del Sur Reservation or Trust Lands

**Houston-Galveston-Brazoria Area**
Brazoria
Chambers
Fort Bend
Galveston
Harris
Liberty
Montgomery
Waller

**San Antonio Area**
Bexar

**Tyler Area**
Gregg
Rusk
Smith