

# Georgia Department of Natural Resources

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Mr. James I. Palmer, Jr.  
Regional Administrator  
U.S. EPA, Region I61 Forsyth Street, SW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3104

Re: Recommended Designations of PM<sub>2.5</sub>  
Nonattainment Areas in Georgia

Dear Mr. Palmer:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has promulgated a new Fine Particle National Ambient Air Quality Standard (PM<sub>2.5</sub>). Section 107(d)(1) of the Clean Air Act requires each State to submit to the EPA its recommended designation of each area of the State as attainment/unclassifiable or nonattainment under the standard. The Georgia Environmental Protection Division has been developing recommended designations in accordance with EPA's memorandum dated April 1, 2003, "Designations for the Fine Particle National Ambient Air Quality Standards," as well as other, more recent guidance.

The attached table provides the Georgia EPD's initial recommendations for the designation status of each county in Georgia. It is recommended that at least the 10 counties in Georgia noted in the table be designated as nonattainment.

We will be able to submit our final recommendation after EPA has finalized nonattainment boundaries for the 8-hour ozone air quality standard, after EPA has finalized the transportation conformity rule that would regulate PM<sub>2.5</sub>, and after EPA proposes the implementation rule for PM<sub>2.5</sub>. These actions will provide us the additional information needed to determine which additional counties we should recommend be designated nonattainment.

We will submit our final recommendations in a timely manner to ensure that EPA has sufficient time to review, discuss with us, and take final action.

Please contact Ron Methier at (404) 363-7016 should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Carol A. Couch, Ph.D.  
Director

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Attachment

cc: Ron Methier, Air Protection Branch Chief

## RECOMMENDED DESIGNATION STATUS FOR GEORGIA COUNTIES

County Name	Designation
Appling	Attainment
Atkinson	Attainment
Bacon	Attainment
Baker	Attainment
Baldwin	Attainment
Banks	Attainment
Barrow	Attainment
Bartow	Attainment
Ben Hill	Attainment
Berrien	Attainment
Bibb	Nonattainment
Bleckley	Attainment
Brantley	Attainment
Brooks	Attainment
Bryan	Attainment
Bulloch	Attainment
Burke	Attainment
Butts	Attainment
Calhoun	Attainment
Camden	Attainment
Candler	Attainment
Carroll	Attainment
Catoosa	Attainment
Charlton	Attainment
Chatham	Attainment
Chattahoochee	Attainment
Chattooga	Attainment
Cherokee	Attainment
Clarke	Nonattainment
Clay	Attainment
Clayton	Nonattainment
Clinch	Attainment
Cobb	Nonattainment
Coffee	Attainment
Colquitt	Attainment
Columbia	Attainment
Cook	Attainment
Coweta	Attainment
Crawford	Attainment
Crisp	Attainment
Dade	Attainment
Dawson	Attainment

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County Name	Designation
Decatur	Attainment
DeKalb	Nonattainment
Dodge	Attainment
Dooly	Attainment
Dougherty	Attainment
Douglas	Attainment
Early	Attainment
Echols	Attainment
Effingham	Attainment
Elbert	Attainment
Emanuel	Attainment
Evans	Attainment
Fannin	Attainment
Fayette	Attainment
Floyd	Nonattainment
Forsyth	Attainment
Franklin	Attainment
Fulton	Nonattainment
Gilmer	Attainment
Glascocock	Attainment
Glynn	Attainment
Gordon	Attainment
Grady	Attainment
Greene	Attainment
Gwinnett	Nonattainment
Habersham	Attainment
Hall	Attainment
Hancock	Attainment
Haralson	Attainment
Harris	Attainment
Hart	Attainment
Heard	Attainment
Henry	Attainment
Houston	Attainment
Irwin	Attainment
Jackson	Attainment
Jasper	Attainment
Jeff Davis	Attainment
Jefferson	Attainment
Jenkins	Attainment
Johnson	Attainment
Jones	Attainment

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County Name	Designation
Lamar	Attainment
Lanier	Attainment
Laurens	Attainment
Lee	Attainment
Liberty	Attainment
Lincoln	Attainment
Long	Attainment
Lowndes	Attainment
Lumpkin	Attainment
McDuffie	Attainment
McIntosh	Attainment
Macon	Attainment
Madison	Attainment
Marion	Attainment
Meriwether	Attainment
Miller	Attainment
Mitchell	Attainment
Monroe	Attainment
Montgomery	Attainment
Morgan	Attainment
Murray	Attainment
Muscogee	Attainment
Newton	Attainment
Oconee	Attainment
Oglethorpe	Attainment
Paulding	Attainment
Peach	Attainment
Pickens	Attainment
Pierce	Attainment
Pike	Attainment
Polk	Attainment
Pulaski	Attainment
Putnam	Attainment
Quitman	Attainment
Rabun	Attainment
Randolph	Attainment
Richmond	Nonattainment
Rockdale	Attainment
Schley	Attainment
Screven	Attainment
Seminole	Attainment
Spalding	Attainment

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County Name	Designation
Stephens	Attainment
Stewart	Attainment
Sumter	Attainment
Talbot	Attainment
Taliaferro	Attainment
Tattnall	Attainment
Taylor	Attainment
Telfair	Attainment
Terrell	Attainment
Thomas	Attainment
Tift	Attainment
Toombs	Attainment
Towns	Attainment
Treutlen	Attainment
Troup	Attainment
Turner	Attainment
Twiggs	Attainment
Union	Attainment
Upson	Attainment
Walker	Nonattainment
Walton	Attainment
Ware	Attainment
Warren	Attainment
Washington	Attainment
Wayne	Attainment
Webster	Attainment
Wheeler	Attainment
White	Attainment
Whitfield	Attainment
Wilcox	Attainment
Wilkes	Attainment
Wilkinson	Attainment
Worth	Attainment