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Dear Mr. Blumenfeld:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Brown, transmitting the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (U.S. EPA) preliminary recommendations of air quality designations for the 2012 12.0 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ annual fine particulate National Ambient Air Quality Standard (2012 12.0 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ annual PM2.5 NAAQS).

We appreciate the time, effort, and collaborative approach U.S. EPA staff took to identify the proposed nonattainment areas as well as surrounding areas that may contribute to the high measured values. Your staff's extensive analysis matched our recommendations for PM2.5 nonattainment areas in the State and appropriately captured the areas of high measured PM2.5 and the surrounding areas from which emissions can contribute to the high measured levels. We look forward to continued collaboration with U.S. EPA in protecting public health for all Californians.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Lynn Terry, Deputy Executive Officer, at (916) 322-2739.

Sincerely,


Richard W. Corey
Executive Officer

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The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

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