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Subject: Designation Recommendation for the District of Columbia under the New 2012
Primary Annual Fine Particulate Standard

Dear Mr. Garvin:

On behalf of the District of Columbia (District), I thank you for the opportunity to recommend a designation on the air quality status in the District for the 2012 annual fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS).

The District currently operates a network of three community-scale monitors that have recorded compliance with the revised annual NAAQS of 12 micrograms per cubic meter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$). Design concentration values for the three most recent years of quality-assured and certified monitoring data available to date (2010 to 2012) are as follows:

Monitor ID	Monitor Name	2012
11-001-0041	River Terrace School	10.4
11-001-0042	Hains Point	10.3
11-001-0043	McMillan Reservoir	10.1

I understand that the revised PM_{2.5} annual NAAQS of 12 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ also calls for the establishment and operation of a new near-road ambient air monitoring network. The District is in the process of adding a new near-road ambient air monitoring station to the existing PM_{2.5} measurement network by the deadline of January 1, 2015. Therefore, no data from the near-road component of the PM_{2.5} measurement network is available at this time with which to make an attainment

recommendation for the District or to meet the requirements of the revised annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS final rulemaking (75 Fed. Reg. 3086). Hence, in accordance with Section 107(d)(1) of the Clean Air Act, I am recommending that the District be designated as an "unclassifiable/attainment" area.

If you need further information on this matter, please contact Mr. Keith A. Anderson, Director of the District Department of the Environment (DDOE), at (202) 535-2615.

Sincerely,


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