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December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Stan Meiburg  
Acting Regional Administrator  
US EPA, Region IV  
61 Forsyth Street, SW  
Atlanta, GA 30303-3104

Dear Administrator Meiburg:

On January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 EPA published in the Federal Register a revised annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). As stated in the Federal Register, EPA's decision to revise the annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS is based on its review of air quality and the national ambient air quality standards for particulate matter. As a result, EPA made revisions to the standard for PM<sub>2.5</sub> to provide for the protection of public health and welfare.

The Federal Register notice indicates that states should make recommendations based on air quality monitoring data from the 2010-2012 period. Currently the Tennessee Department of Health's laboratory analysis of the monitoring data in Tennessee is undergoing additional review by Tennessee and EPA. As this analysis is in the very early stages of review, Tennessee is making the following recommendation:

Area	Recommendation
Knox County	Unclassifiable
Rest of State	Unclassifiable/Attainment

Once the additional review of the data by Tennessee and EPA is complete, Tennessee intends to provide an updated set of nonattainment recommendations.

Please feel free to contact me if we can provide any further information. For any technical questions or data, please feel free to contact my Director of the Air Pollution Control Division, Barry Stephens, at 615\*532-0525.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Martineau, Jr.  
Commissioner

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