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Honorable Heather McTeer Toney
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region IV
Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30303-3104

Dear Administrator McTeer Toney,

This letter is in reply to EPA's letter to Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam of August 19, 2014. That letter outlined EPA's response to Tennessee's initial recommendations of attainment areas for the 2012 PM_{2.5} NAAQS, outlined in our letter of December 9, 2013.

After careful consideration of EPA's response, Tennessee replies that Hamilton, Marion and Sequatchie Counties in Tennessee should be designated as unclassifiable – attainment in that the most recent air monitoring data supports the designation recommendation.

As for the remaining counties in Tennessee, we recommend that EPA exercise its deferral authority in making final designations as we should soon have a complete three year data set to support a final designation.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of this recommendation. Technical questions should be addressed to our department's air pollution control director, Barry R. Stephens, P. E. at (615) 532-0525 or Barry.Stephens@tn.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Martineau, Jr.", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Robert J. Martineau, Jr.
Commissioner

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