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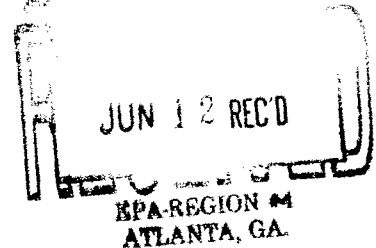
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Mr. James I. Palmer, Jr.
Regional Administrator
U.S. EPA, Region 4
161 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3104



Re: Revised Recommended Designations of 24-hour Non-Attainment Areas in Georgia

Dear Mr. Palmer:

On October 17, 2006, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) promulgated a revised 24-hour average fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) National Ambient Air Quality Standard. The revised standard was effective December 18, 2006. Section 107(d)(1) of the Clean Air Act requires each state to submit to the EPA no later than one year following promulgation of a new or revised NAAQS, its recommended designation of each area of the State as attainment, non-attainment, or unclassifiable under the standard. On December 18, 2007, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) submitted recommended designations to U.S. EPA Region 4. In that letter, EPD stated its intent to revise this recommendation once 2007 monitoring is available and 2005-2007 design values can be determined and after U.S. EPA has taken action on EPD and other pertinent states' requests to exclude data from use in identifying a violation in accordance with EPA's *Final Rule on the Treatment of Data Influenced by Exceptional Events*. This letter and the attached table presents revised recommended designations based on certified, quality-assured monitoring data for 2005 through 2007, U.S. EPA's concurrence with flagged exceptional event episodes in EPA's Air Quality System (AQS), and 2005-2007 design values.

The attached table provides EPD's revised recommendation for the designation status of each county in Georgia. It is recommended that all counties in Georgia be designated as unclassifiable/attainment for the 24-hour PM_{2.5} standard.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Heather Abrams at (404) 363-7016 or Jimmy Johnston at (404) 363-7014.

Sincerely,

Carol A. Couch, Director

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Attachments

c: Dick Schutt, U.S. EPA, Region 4
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RECOMMENDED DESIGNATION STATUS FOR GEORGIA COUNTIES

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

RECOMMENDED DESIGNATION STATUS FOR GEORGIA COUNTIES

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

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

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