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A. Stanley Meiberg  
Acting Regional Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency – Region 4  
Atlanta Federal Center  
61 Forsyth Street  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960

Dear Mr. Meiberg,

Pursuant to section 107(d)(1)(A) of the Clean Air Act, the State of Florida recommends that the entire State of Florida be designated as “attainment” for the 2012 revised primary annual National Ambient Air Quality Standard for fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>).

Florida bases this recommendation upon the most recent three years (2010-2012) of PM<sub>2.5</sub> ambient air quality monitoring data, which show that Florida meets the revised standard of 12 micrograms per cubic meter (µg/m<sup>3</sup>) (see attached diagram of design values). Florida understands that the Environmental Protection Agency may ultimately designate areas using 2011-2013 air quality monitoring data, and we are confident that the 2013 data will support further our recommendation of a statewide attainment designation.

Florida gathers its data through a robust PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitoring network, which includes 50% more monitors than required by federal law. Additionally, Florida’s PM<sub>2.5</sub> values historically have been, and are expected to remain, well below the applicable standard. These facts speak to Florida’s ongoing commitment to enhancing and maintaining air quality for the benefit of its citizens.

If you have any questions about this recommendation, please contact Preston McLane at (850) 717-9089.

Sincerely,

Brian J. Accardo  
Director, Division of Air Resource Management

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cc: Scott Davis, Chief, Air Planning Branch, EPA – Region 4  
Jeff Littlejohn, Deputy Secretary for Regulatory Programs, FDEP