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Region 5
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RE: State of Minnesota Recommendation of Attainment Designation for PM_{2.5}

Dear Dr. Hedman:

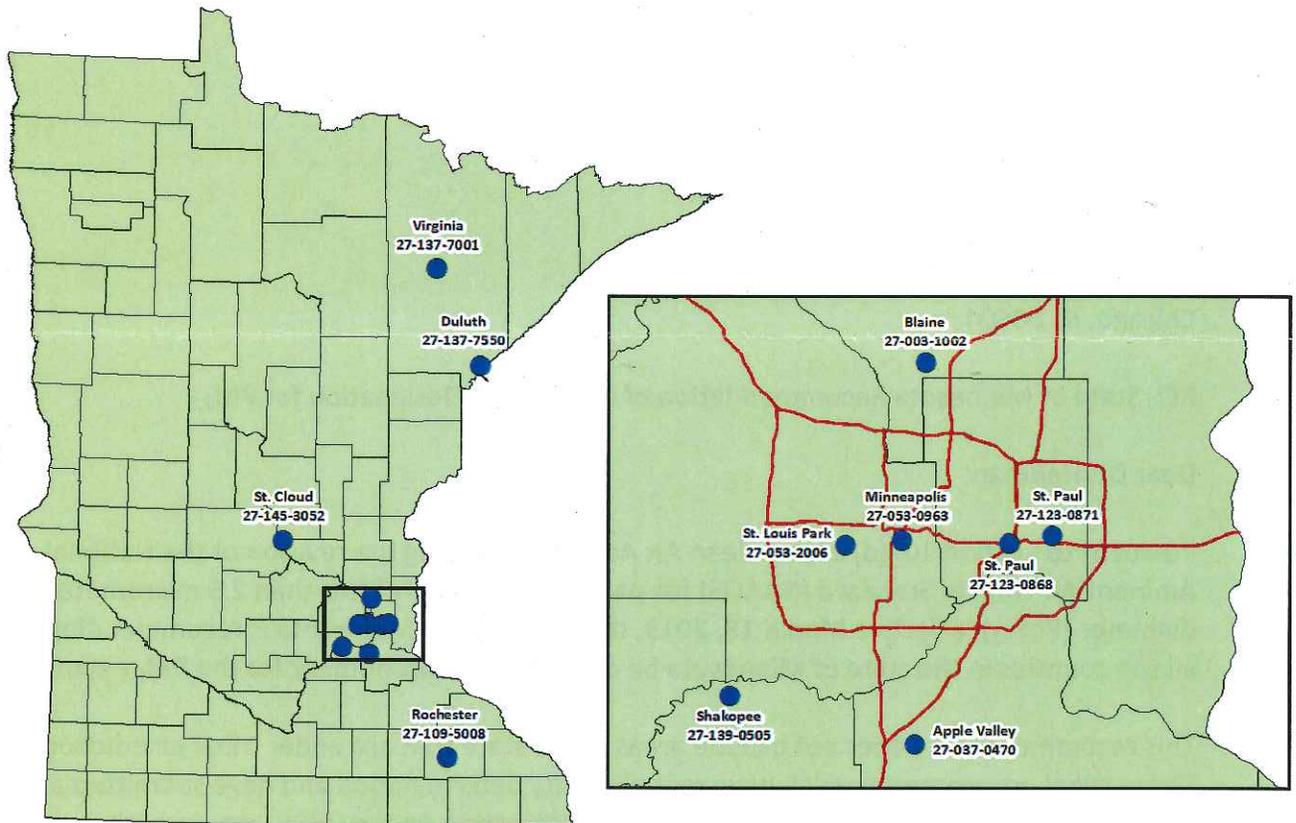
Pursuant to Section 107(d) of the Clean Air Act, and following the revision of the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for particulate matter of less than 2.5 micrometers in diameter (PM_{2.5}), effective March 18, 2013, the Governor of Minnesota is recommending that all the counties in the state of Minnesota be designated as attainment for the PM_{2.5} standard.

This recommendation does not include areas in the state that are under tribal jurisdiction. Those tribal governments which have met eligibility determination and have submitted a Tribal Implementation Plan to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) may submit designation requests to the EPA under the Tribal Authority Rule of 1998 (63 FR 7254).

This designation recommendation is based on three consecutive years (2010-2012) of air sampling data collected at 11 regulatory monitors around the state. Locations of Minnesota's PM_{2.5} regulatory monitors can be seen in the map on the following page.

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Minnesota Regulatory PM_{2.5} Monitoring Sites, 2010-2012

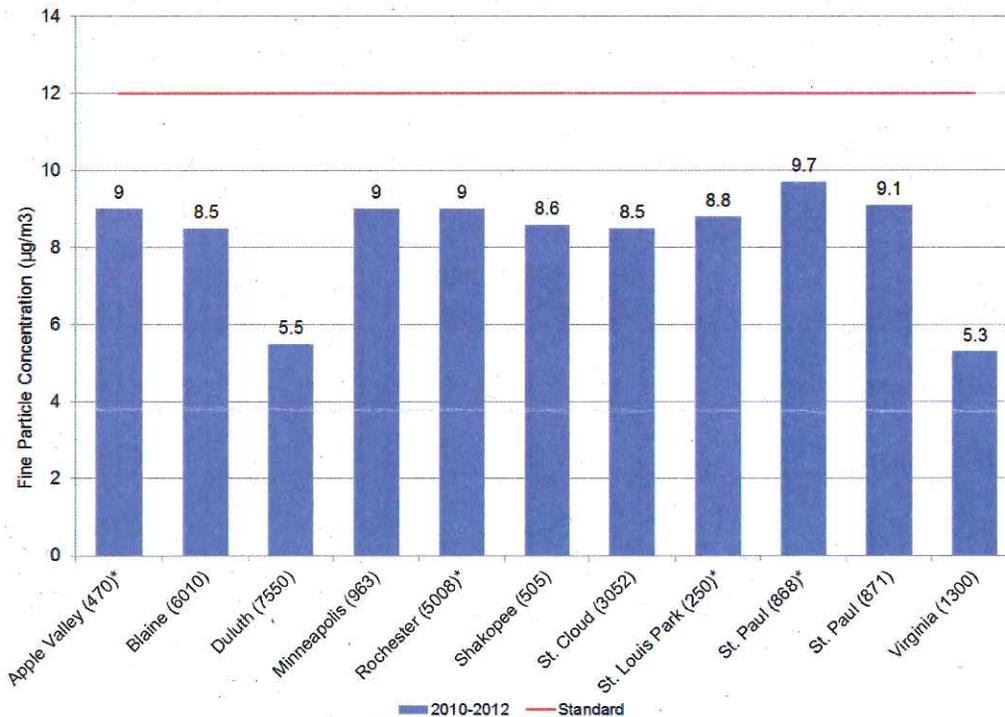


To meet the annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS, the annual average PM_{2.5} concentration must not exceed 12.0µg/m³. The following data demonstrates that all monitors in Minnesota register concentrations below the annual standard.

Monitored PM_{2.5} Design Values, 2010-2012

AQS ID	MPCA ID	Name	2010-2012 DV (µg/m ³)	NAAQS (µg/m ³)	Valid Indicator*	UTM East	UTM North
27-037-0470	470	Apple Valley	9	12	N	481213	4953948
27-003-1002	6010	Blaine	8.5	12	Y	482550	4998591
27-137-7550	7550	Duluth	5.5	12	Y	569462	5185362
27-053-0963	963	Minneapolis - Phillips	9	12	Y	479628	4977817
27-109-5008	5008	Rochester	9	12	Y	544070	4871456
27-139-0505	505	Shakopee	8.6	12	Y	459457	4959686
27-145-3052	3052	St. Cloud	8.5	12	Y	411525	5044641
27-053-2006	250	St. Louis Park	8.8	12	N	472952	4977238
27-123-0868	868	St. Paul - Ramsey County Health Center	9.7	12	N	492232	4977473
27-123-0871	871	St. Paul - Harding H.S.	9.1	12	Y	497169	4978434
27-137-7001	1300	Virginia	5.3	12	Y	534908	5263193
*N indicates a site where there was at least one quarter in which the monitor collected less than the 75% of required samples.							

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No site in the state exceeded the primary annual standard. Quality-assured PM_{2.5} monitoring data for Minnesota has been submitted to the Air Quality System through 2012.

The Commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, duly authorized by the Governor of the State of Minnesota, is submitting this data and request on behalf of Governor Dayton.

If you have any questions or comments about this submission, please contact Amanda Jarrett Smith of our staff at 651-757-2486 or amanda.smith@state.mn.us.

Sincerely,

John Linc Stine
Commissioner

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