

March 21, 2005

Ms. Beverly Banister, Director  
Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division  
U.S. EPA, Region 4  
Atlanta Federal Center  
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Dear Ms. Banister:

In the January 5, 2005, Federal Register notice “Air Quality Designations and Classifications for the Fine Particle (PM2.5) National Ambient Air Quality Standards”, EPA designated DeKalb and Etowah Counties as unclassifiable based on 2001-2003 monitoring data. Since that time our monitoring data for calendar year 2004 has been collected and certified and shows the two sites to be in compliance with the annual PM2.5 standard (see table below). We are requesting that these two counties be designated as attainment based on the 2002 – 2004 monitoring data.

<b>Annual PM2.5 Concentrations for 2002 - 2004</b>						
<b>Site</b>	<b>Monitor ID</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2002-2004</b>
Crossville	01-049-1003-88101-1	DeKalb	14.4	15.0	14.1	14.5
Gadsden	01-055-0010-88101-1	Etowah	14.8	14.3	14.3	14.5

EPA’s immediate attention to this request would be appreciated so a change can be affected prior to the effective date of the rule. If you have any questions, please contact Ken Barrett of my staff at (334) 271-7870

Sincerely,

Ronald W. Gore, Chief  
Air Division

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