



# State of South Carolina

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J. I. Palmer, Jr., Esquire  
Regional Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4  
Sam Nunn Federal Center  
61 Forsyth Street, SW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960

**Re: South Carolina Recommendations for PM<sub>2.5</sub> Boundary Designations**

Dear Mr. Palmer,

In response to the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) request to submit boundary recommendations for the new 24-hour fine particulate matter National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) established by the EPA (71 *Fed. Reg.* 61144, Oct. 17, 2006), I am pleased to report that our state fully complies with the 24-hour NAAQS for particulate matter equal to or less than 2.5 micrometers in diameter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>).

As a result, I am recommending that the entire State of South Carolina be designated as "attainment" for this standard. This recommendation is based upon validated air quality monitoring data for the 2004, 2005 and 2006 calendar years. Further, air quality monitoring data to date for 2007 indicates continuing attainment of the 24-hour fine particulate NAAQS.

The ongoing efforts at the state and local level to reduce the air pollution that contributes to particulate matter and ground-level ozone show continued commitment to promoting and protecting the health of the public and the environment of South Carolina.

Should you have any questions regarding our recommendation, please contact Myra Reece, Chief, Bureau of Air Quality at (803) 898-4102 or by email at [recemc@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:recemc@dhec.sc.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "MS", written over a horizontal line.

Mark Sanford

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cc: Mr. Scott English, Governor's Office  
Mr. Earl Hunter, Commissioner, SCDHEC  
Mr. Robert W. King, Jr., SCDHEC  
Mrs. Myra Reece, SCDHEC ✓