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EPA-REGION #4
ATLANTA, GA.

Mr. Jimmy Palmer
Regional Administrator
U.S. EPA Region IV
Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30303

RE: Tennessee's Recommended Fine Particulate Attainment/Non-Attainment Designations

Dear Mr. Palmer:

Federal regulations that became effective December 18, 2006 require states to designate areas within their borders as "attainment" or "non-attainment" for the 24-hour Fine Particulate Standards based on ambient air quality data gathered during the years 2004 through 2006. Acting under the authority of the Governor of this State, I recommend the following designations for the State of Tennessee:

<u>County</u>	<u>Classification</u>
All counties	Attainment/Unclassified

Air quality data for Hamilton County, Tennessee for the period under consideration indicates a level slightly above the standard. However, the local air pollution agency in Hamilton County has determined, and the State agrees, a portion of the data has been biased by an exceptional event and has requested the EPA flag the data as such. Documentation supporting this request has been submitted to EPA Region IV. The State of Tennessee requests the EPA expedite the review of the data in question and withhold final determination on this area until the review is complete. The State and Hamilton County are confident the EPA will favorably review the request.

Thank you for allowing the State of Tennessee the opportunity to provide input to the decision on this matter.

Sincerely,

James H. Fyke

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cc: Tennessee Air Pollution Control Board Members
Tennessee Local Air Pollution Control Programs

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