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Elin Miller, Regional Administrator
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Dear Administrator Miller:

In answer to your July 20, 2007 letter, attached is a formal report that lists all areas of Idaho and a designation recommendation for each area regarding attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}).

The State of Idaho recommends only two areas in Idaho for nonattainment designation, portions of Shoshone and Franklin Counties. Monitoring data show that Idaho's most populace airsheds of Benewah County, the Treasure Valley (Ada and Canyon Counties), and Pocatello (Bannock County) all attain the PM_{2.5} NAAQS. All other counties of Idaho, except for Tribal lands, we recommend as unclassifiable. These recommendations follow EPA protocols.

If EPA has any questions regarding these recommendations, please contact Martin Bauer, Air Quality Administrator, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality at (208) 373-0440 or martin.bauer@deq.idaho.gov

We look forward to working with EPA and the affected Idaho communities to solve the issues inherent in these recommendations and to further protect the health of Idaho citizens on a timetable that is as expeditious as possible.

As Always - Idaho, "Esto Perpetua"

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C.L. "Butch" Otter
Governor

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