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Re: Recommended Designations of Ozone Non-Attainment Areas in Georgia

Dear Mr. Meiburg:

On March 12, 2008, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) promulgated a revised National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone. Section 107(d)(1) of the Clean Air Act requires each state to submit to the EPA no later than one year following promulgation of a new or revised NAAQS, its recommended designation of each area of the State as attainment, non-attainment, or unclassifiable under the standard. The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has developed recommended designations in accordance with U.S. EPA's December 4, 2008 memorandum "Area Designations for the 2008 Revised Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards."

The attached table provides EPD's recommendations for the designation status of each county in Georgia. It is recommended that all or parts of 27 counties in Georgia noted in the table be designated as non-attainment.

In developing the ozone non-attainment area recommendations, EPD based the boundary recommendations on the nine factors contained in Attachment 2 of EPA's Area Designations for the 2008 Revised Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards memorandum. The technical analyses of these factors will be sent separately.

EPD also considered the current boundary for the existing Atlanta ozone non-attainment area, designated as a result of the 1997 revision of the ozone standard, in establishing the recommended boundary for the recommended Atlanta ozone non-attainment area for the 2008 ozone standard.

Georgia EPD's recommended ozone non-attainment designations are as follows:

- Atlanta Ozone Nonattainment Area (21 counties): Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Newton, Paulding, Rockdale, Spalding, Walton, and a section of Heard County as defined below.
- Athens Ozone Nonattainment Area (1 county): Clarke County

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- Augusta Ozone Nonattainment Area (1 county): Richmond County
- Columbus Ozone Nonattainment Area (1 county): Muscogee County
- Macon Ozone Nonattainment Area (2 counties): Bibb County and a section of Monroe County as defined below.
- Murray County Nonattainment Area (1 county): a section of Murray as defined below.

Definitions of Partial-County Areas

Heard County Partial Area: The northeast portion that extends north of 33 degrees 24 minutes (north) to the Carroll County border and east of 85 degrees 3 minutes (west) to the Coweta County border.

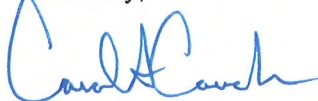
Monroe County Partial Area: From 150' west of the US Hwy 23/Georgia Hwy 87 centerline at 33 degrees, 04 minutes, 30 seconds, proceed westward to 83 degrees, 49 minutes, 45 seconds; proceed due south to 150' north of the Georgia Hwy 18 centerline, proceed eastward 150' north of and parallel to the Georgia Hwy 18 centerline to 150' west of the US Hwy 23/Georgia Hwy 87 centerline, proceed northward 150' west of and parallel to the US Hwy 23/Georgia Hwy 87 centerline to 33 degrees, 04 minutes, 30 seconds.

Murray County Partial Area: The area enclosed to the east by Murray County's eastern border, to the north by latitude of 34.9004 degrees, to the west by longitude 84.7200 degrees, and to the south by 34.7040 degrees. All mountain peaks within the Chattahoochee National Forest area of Murray County that have an elevation greater than or equal to 2,400 feet and that are enclosed by contour lines that close on themselves.

Georgia EPD recommends that all other counties and portions of counties be designated as unclassifiable/attainment for the 2008 ozone standard.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Jac Capp at (404) 363-7016.

Sincerely,



Carol A. Couch
Director

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Attachment

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