

## E. SCOTT PRUITT **ADMINISTRATOR**

December 20, 2017

The Honorable Dannel Malloy Governor of Connecticut 210 Capitol Avenue Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Dear Governor Malloy:

I am writing to inform you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has completed additional area designations for the health-based National Ambient Air Quality Standard for sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) established in 2010. The enclosed table summarizes the portions of Connecticut the agency is designating at this time. These designations are explained more fully in the accompanying technical support document available at https://www.epa.gov/sulfur-dioxide-designations/finaltechnical-support-documents-area-designations-round-3. This action completes area designations for Connecticut.

Improving air quality to protect public health is a shared goal. Through local, state, tribal, and national programs, we have made considerable progress to reduce SO<sub>2</sub> levels throughout the country. Nationwide, monitored levels of sulfur dioxide have dropped 85 percent since 1990. I appreciate the work you have done and the partnership we have developed to achieve this impressive reduction.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me or your staff may contact Troy Lyons, Associate Administrator for the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, at lyons.troy@epa.gov or at (202) 564-5200.

Respectfull

E. Scott Pruitt

Enclosure

Connecticut 2010 Sulfur Dioxide NAAQS (Primary)		
	Desig	nation (%)
Designated area <sup>1</sup>	Date <sup>2</sup>	Type
State of Connecticut		Attainment/
		Unclassifiable

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Includes any Indian country in each county or area, unless otherwise specified. The EPA is not determining the boundaries of any area of Indian country in this table, including any area of Indian country located in the larger designation area. The inclusion of any Indian country in the designation area is not a determination that the state has regulatory authority under the Clean Air Act for such Indian country.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>This date is 90 days after publication in the *Federal Register*, unless otherwise noted.