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June 22, 2011

The Honorable Dannel P. Malloy Governor of Connecticut State Capitol 210 Capitol Avenue Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Governor Malloy:

Thank you for your letter of June 8, 2011 providing recommendations for designating areas in your state with regards to the 2010 revision of the national ambient air quality standard for sulfur dioxide.

Your letter is an important step toward providing citizens in your state with critical information about air pollution levels in their communities. We will carefully review these recommendations and work with the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection in determining the final area designations. We plan to designate areas in June 2012 and will announce our intended designations no later than 120 days prior to finalizing the designations.

We look forward to working with Connecticut in the coming months on this important issue. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me or Ida McDonnell, Manager of the Air Permits, Toxics, and Indoor Programs Unit, at 617-918-1653.

Sincerely,

H. Curtis Spalding,

Regional Administrator

cc: Daniel C. Esty, Commissioner, CT DEP

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