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USEPA Region 5, R19J
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Dear Mr. Skinner:

Pursuant to the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and in response to your letter of April 2, 2003, I am submitting the appropriate attainment/nonattainment designations for the 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard for the State of Illinois. Also included with Illinois' recommendations is a supporting document prepared by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). The IEPA will also provide this document to your staff in electronic format to facilitate your timely review.

Specifically, the following designations are recommended for Illinois:

Cook	Nonattainment	Chicago
DuPage	Nonattainment	Chicago
Kane	Nonattainment	Chicago
Lake	Nonattainment	Chicago
Will	Nonattainment	Chicago
McHenry	Nonattainment	Chicago
Kendall: Oswego Township All Other Townships	 Nonattainment Attainment	Chicago

Grundy: Aux Sable Township Goose Lake Township All Other Townships	 Nonattainment Nonattainment Attainment	 Chicago Chicago
Madison	Nonattainment	Metro-East
Monroe	Nonattainment	Metro-East
St. Clair	Nonattainment	Metro-East
Jersey	Nonattainment	Metro-East
All Other Counties	Attainment	

Given the potential scope and impact of these designations, Illinois is concerned that U.S. EPA has not yet finalized its implementation strategy for the 8-hour ozone standard. We may choose to revise our recommendations when U.S. EPA's implementation strategy is finalized. Further, we may also choose to revise our recommendations after the conclusion of the 2003 ozone monitoring season.

If there are any questions, please contact me at 217/782-9540.

Sincerely,

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Director

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