Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Office of the Commissioner

December 30, 2003

Mr. Steven Rothblatt
Director, Air & Radiation Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 5 (AR-18J)
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60604

RE: Design Values for 2003 for Ozone

Dear Mr. Rothblatt:

In his ozone designation letter to the Governor of Minnesota dated December 3, 2003, Regional Administrator Thomas Skinner requested that we submit eight-hour design values for ozone for 2003. We are submitting those values with this letter. We also want to inform you that the quality-assured ozone monitoring data for 2003 has been submitted to the Air Quality System (or AIRS).

The eight-hour design values are based on three consecutive years (2001-2003) of air sampling data collected at six federal reference and equivalent method monitors around the state. The summary data are provided as the fourth highest value at each monitoring site for each year (1993-2003) and of three-year calculated averages (1993-1995 through 2001-2003) for each site. No site in the state exceeded the eight-hour standard (0.08 parts per million) for ozone for 2003 or the three year period 2001-2003.

If you have questions or comments on this submission, please contact Gordon Andersson of my staff at (651) 296-7667.

Sincerely,

Sheryl A. Corrigan
Commissioner

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Enclosure

cc: Thomas Skinner, EPA Region 5
Douglas Aburano, EPA Region 5