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Dear Mr. Roberts:

An Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) memorandum from Jeffrey R. Holmstead dated November 14, 2002, requested that the Governor of Montana provide EPA with updated, revised, or new designations, nonattainment boundaries, and documentation (Designations) for the 8-hour ozone national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for all areas within the state by April 15, 2002.

On June 16, 1999, Governor Marc Racicot submitted to the Regional Administrator a recommendation that all areas of Montana be designated attainment or unclassified for ozone. Ozone was not a pollutant of concern in Montana and the Department of Environmental Quality (Department) had not conducted ozone monitoring for a number of years.

Ozone continues to be a pollutant of no major concern in Montana. Since the June 16, 1999 date, the Department has continued to not conduct ozone monitoring. Therefore, no ozone monitoring data exists for the years 2000 to present. Montana has no updates, revisions, or new designations to the previously submitted recommendation and all areas of the state should continue to be considered attainment or unclassified for ozone.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Trista Glazier, Department of Environmental Quality, at (406) 444-3403.

Sincerely,

JUDY MARTZ
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