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Honorable Judy H. Martz
Governor of Montana
State Capitol
Helena, MT 59601

Dear Governor Martz:

Thank you for your letter dated March 5, 2003, that provided Montana's recommendation on air quality designations for the 8-hour national health-based standard for ground level ozone, a major constituent of smog. Your letter is an important step toward providing the citizens of Montana with critical information about air pollution levels in their community. With the passage of our July 15, 2003, submittal milestone, we have now entered into the analysis phase of these recommendations on a national basis. We intend to carefully review your recommendation and work with you and the Department of Environmental Quality in determining final designations.

We look forward to working with Montana throughout this designation process for the 8-hour ozone standard. If you have any questions, please contact me or Richard Long, Director of our Air and Radiation Program, at (303) 312-6005. Your staff may also wish to contact Tim Russ, Air and Radiation Program staff, at (303) 312-6479. For your convenience you may contact my staff toll-free at 1-800-227-8917.

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Roberts
Regional Administrator

cc: Jan Sensibaugh, Director, Department of Environmental Quality
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