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Mr. Kurt A. Thiede  
Regional Administrator  
U.S. EPA, Region 5  
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**Re: Ohio EPA's Request for Designation of Gallia County, OH and Partial Meigs County, OH to Attainment/Unclassifiable as Part of U.S. EPA's Round 4 Designation Process Associated with the 2010 Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS)**

Dear Administrator Thiede:

I am writing to submit Ohio's request for the area of Gallia County, OH and partial Meigs County, OH to be designated attainment/unclassifiable as a part of U.S. EPA's round 4 designation process associated with the 2010 SO<sub>2</sub> NAAQS. U.S. EPA promulgated the revised SO<sub>2</sub> NAAQS on June 2, 2010. U.S. EPA replaced the 24-hour and annual standards with a new short-term one-hour standard of 75 parts per billion (ppb). The new one-hour SO<sub>2</sub> standard was published on June 22, 2010 (75 FR 35520) and became effective on August 23, 2010. The standard is based on the three-year average of the annual 99th percentile of one-hour daily maximum concentrations.

On July 12, 2016, U.S. EPA published (81 FR 45039) final second round designations for these source areas included in a U.S. EPA consent decree. In this action, U.S. EPA designated the area around Gavin and Kyger Creek Power Plants (specifically, all of Gallia County and the western half of Meigs County, which includes Bedford, Columbia, Rutland, Salem, Salisbury, and Scipio Townships) as unclassifiable. As described in U.S. EPA's Final Technical Support Document, U. S. EPA found after considering available information that a reliable basis did not exist for designating the area either as attainment or nonattainment.

As a result of U.S. EPA's preliminary designation of unclassifiable, Ohio EPA implemented an extensive monitoring network around these sources on January 1, 2017, the deadline for monitoring under Round 4 designations. Three years of complete monitoring data is now available from four monitors located in this source area's monitoring network. Based on this monitoring data, Ohio EPA is now submitting a request for the area to be designated as attainment/unclassifiable under Round 4 area designations that will occur by December 31, 2020.

Round 4 SO<sub>2</sub> Designations Request  
Mr. Kurt Thiede

Ohio published notification for the public comment period, including an opportunity to request a public hearing, on March 9, 2020. The public comment period closed on April 13, 2020; however, the Sierra Club requested an extension, which Ohio EPA granted through April 20, 2020. No public hearing was held because no requests were received. Appendix E includes a copy of the public notice, a copy of comments received, and a response to comments document.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide our initial recommendation and my staff will work cooperatively with U.S. EPA Region 5 staff as the final designations are made. If you have any questions concerning this submittal, please feel free to contact Jennifer Van Vlerah of the Division of Air Pollution Control at (614) 644-3696.

Sincerely,



Laurie Stevenson  
Director

Enclosures

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