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Jeaneanne Gettle  
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Re: Georgia's Designation Recommendations for the 2024 Annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS

Dear Ms. Gettle:

On February 7, 2024, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) promulgated a revised primary annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). Section 107(d)(1)(A) of the Clean Air Act requires each state to submit to EPA, no later than one year following promulgation of a new or revised NAAQS, its designation recommendations for each area of the state as attainment, nonattainment, or unclassifiable under the standard.

In accordance with U.S. EPA's memorandum "Initial Area Designations for the 2024 Revised Primary Annual Fine Particle National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (dated February 7, 2024), the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) recommends that all counties in the State of Georgia be designated as "attainment/unclassifiable" as shown in Appendix B. Georgia's recommendations are based on 2021-2023 PM<sub>2.5</sub> design values calculated using certified monitoring data and account for exceptional event demonstrations submitted to EPA on February 7, 2025. Details on the rationale and justification used to support the Georgia designation recommendations are provided in the technical analysis document entitled "Georgia's Designation Recommendations for the 2024 Annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS."

Once the 2024 PM<sub>2.5</sub> ambient monitoring data becomes available and is certified, Georgia EPD will review the data and make revisions to this recommendation, as appropriate. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact James Boylan at [James.Boylan@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:James.Boylan@dnr.ga.gov) or (470) 524-0697.

Sincerely,

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