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# **Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee**

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Ms. Judith Katz  
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RE: Findings of attainment for the 1-hour ozone nonattainment areas in Washington, DC-MD-VA Nonattainment Area

Dear Ms. Katz,

The Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) requests that the Environmental Protection Agency make a formal determination that all areas within the Metropolitan Washington, DC-MD-VA Nonattainment area have attained the 1-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) of 0.12 ppm ozone. The ozone monitoring network data in the states' Air Quality Subsystem, which has been gathered, quality-assured, and certified in accordance with all federal requirements and procedures, supports this request.

Attachment A shows the maximum 1-hour design values by monitor in the Washington, DC-MD-VA nonattainment area. Based on this information, the region attained the 1-hour ozone NAAQS of 0.12 ppm as of 2005.

The maximum 1-hour design value for the Washington, D.C-MD-VA nonattainment area is based on the Greenbelt monitor in Maryland for 2003-2005. Based on this information, the Washington, D. C. metropolitan area has attained the 1-hour ozone NAAQS of 0.12 ppm as of 2005.

<b>1-hour Ozone NAAQS Design Value for the Washington DC area</b>		
<b>Monitor</b>	<b>Design Value</b>	<b>Years</b>
Greenbelt, 24-033-0002	120 ppb	2003-2005

After reviewing the data summarized above, please provide a formal determination that the Washington, DC-MD-VA region has indeed attained the 1-hour ozone NAAQS. This standard has been revoked; however, a formal determination of attainment is necessary to dispel any confusion regarding air quality planning concerns in light of recent court

decisions and also in light of ambiguities in guidance and policy. Further, implementation of air pollution control strategies on both the state and national levels was required to bring about this improved air quality. Many of these strategies were quite expensive to implement, and a formal determination of attainment for these areas will validate the necessity of the control measures.

If you have any questions about this request, please do not hesitate to contact me or Joan Rohlfs, 202-962-3358. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter, and MWAQC looks forward to working with you on the challenges of further improving air quality.

Sincerely,

Nancy Floreen, Chair

Cc: Ms. Joan Rohlfs, Chief Air Quality Planner, MWCOG  
Mr. Tad Aburn, Director, Air and Radiation Division, MDE  
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## Attachment A

<b>Washington Metropolitan Area - Design Values for 1-Hour Ozone</b>		
<b>Period: 2003 - 2005</b>		
<b>AIRS code</b>	<b>Monitor Location</b>	<b>Design Value 2003-2005</b>
110010025	Takoma	104
110010041	River Terrace	102
110010043	McMillan	109
240090010	Calvert	101
240170010	South. MD	116
240210037	Frederick	102
240313001	Rockville	108
<b>240330002</b>	<b>Greenbelt</b>	<b>120</b>
240330030	HU-Beltsville	115
240338003	PG Equestrian Ctr	119
510130020	Arlington	111
510590005	Cub Run	100
510590018	Mt. Vernon	115
510590030	Franconia/Leepark	112
510591005	Annandale	110
510595001	Lewinsville	105
511071005	Loudoun/Ashburn	103
511530009	PrinceWilliam	95
511790001	Stafford	105
515100009	Alexandria	107
<b>MWAQC's Regional DV</b>		<b>120</b>