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Dear Mr. Blumenfeld:

We are transmitting recommendations for area designations and boundaries for the new federal sulfur dioxide (SO₂) 1-hour standard of 75 parts per billion, as required under the Federal Clean Air Act.

We base our area designation recommendations on ambient SO₂ concentrations measured during 2007 through 2009. Data for these years show there are no monitored violations of the 1-hour SO₂ standard. The Air Resources Board (ARB) staff is therefore recommending that all of California be designated attainment. The proposed boundaries for the attainment areas, summarized in the enclosed Staff Report, rely on California air basin boundaries. Additional dispersion modeling for large SO₂ sources will be provided prior to final designations to further support the attainment recommendation.

We are including the following materials in this package:

- Staff Report (Enclosure 1).
- Area boundary descriptions (Enclosure 2).

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

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Please contact me at (916) 445-4383 if you have any questions regarding these recommendations, or have your staff contact Ms. Karen Magliano, Chief, Air Quality Data Branch, at (916) 322-7137.

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