

RFATS

Rock Hill-Fort Mill Area Transportation Study

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Mr. Brian Barnes
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Re: Recommendation on Future Ozone Nonattainment Area for York County

Dear Brian:

The RFATS Policy Committee has reviewed the available information regarding the new 8-hour ozone standard and process to implement the new standard by March 2010. We understand boundary recommendations for the state must be forwarded to EPA by March 2009.

After discussion and review, the RFATS Policy Committee voted unanimously to recommend the following boundary for York County:

A York County nonattainment boundary that extends the 2004 boundary to the west to Hwy 321 and captures the York County monitoring station. If, however, the monitoring station demonstrates compliance by 2009, we request the nonattainment boundary revert to the existing area (RFATS MPO).

In addition, the Policy Committee supports all efforts to allow York County and the State of South Carolina to work together, independent and separate, from North Carolina, to achieve air quality attainment goals. This would result in a York County Nonattainment Area separate from the Charlotte Nonattainment Area.

At your request, local staff will be available to assist with developing the case to present to EPA. We appreciate your assistance, knowledge, and time during this review process. Please advise if you need additional information from us.

Sincerely,



Frances M. Thomas
RFATS Administrator