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MEMORANDUM

TO: Legal and Finance Committee

FROM: Sheila Hoyer, Air Quality Specialist *SH*

DATE: December 12, 2005

RE: **Letter of Support from the City of Rapid City to EPA for redesignating Rapid City's air quality status**

The Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources has submitted a request to EPA to redesignate the Rapid City area from unclassifiable to attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for particulate matter 10 microns in diameter or less, commonly known as PM10. The Air Quality Board is requesting letters of support for the redesignation. Air Quality staff has drafted a letter for the Mayor to submit.

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Legal and Finance Committee authorize the Mayor to sign the support letter to EPA.



EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

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RE: Comments on Docket R08-OAR-2005-SD-0002

Dear Mr. Long,

It is with great pride that the City of Rapid City is submitting comments to support the re-designation of the Rapid City area from unclassifiable to attainment for PM10. Being the Gateway to the Black Hills, the City of Rapid City has taken responsibility to clean up and protect the area's air quality for visitors and citizens of our community.

We have, in cooperation with the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Pennington County Commission, our local industries, and your staff, established the best available control measures for every type of PM10 emission in the community and created a regulatory premise at the local or state level to enforce these measures.

The City of Rapid City would like to provide assurance to you and the general public that we will continue to support our local air quality program to maintain the air quality levels we have achieved and to continue to improve on them.

In conclusion, the City of Rapid City supports the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources PM10 redesignation to attainment for Rapid City. We would like to extend our appreciation for their assistance in this process and the support you and your staff have provided.

Sincerely,

Jim Shaw, Mayor
City of Rapid City

cc: Steven M. Pimer, Secretary, SDDENR