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Hacker Statement on Second Consecutive Ozone Attainment for County

PITTSBURGH – The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt today designated counties in the United States as meeting the ozone standards of the Clean Air Act. Allegheny County was, for the second consecutive year, designated as being in attainment.

“We are pleased that all three ozone monitors have met attainment of the EPA’s ground-level ozone standard for the second consecutive year,” said Dr. Karen Hacker, Allegheny County Health Department Director. “This data reflects three-year averages, 2014-16 and 2015-17, rather than just a calendar year. We’re proud of this milestone, but we also know that air quality in the county continues to be a problem. The Liberty monitor, in particular, exceeds EPA standards for both PM 2.5 and SO₂. Addressing this issue is one of our top priorities.

“Working with our partners at the federal, state and local levels, we will continue to leverage our enforcement tools to decrease harmful air pollution. Our goal is to ensure that the county’s air not only meets the EPA standards, but is better for all of our residents.”

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