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Subject: Re: Questions for a story on ground-level ozone for Ensia

Got it, thanks very much for the quick response Enesta. Much appreciated.

Best,
Dave

On Mon, Nov 20, 2017 at 2:12 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Dave, attributable to an EPA spokesperson:

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No.

Related, can you explain why exactly the EPA is "not yet prepared to issue designations" for those other areas? What is the reason for the delay on those?

EPA continues to evaluate recommendations for the remaining portions of the country and intends to take action at a later date.

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We have no information to share at this time.

From: Dave Levitan Ex. 6
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 1:46 PM
To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Subject: Questions for a story on ground-level ozone for Ensia

Hi Enesta,

I'm working on a story for [Ensia](http://www.ensia.com) about ground-level ozone, and I had a few questions I was hoping someone at EPA could answer. My deadline is a bit flexible, but I would appreciate your response by next Wednesday (11/22) if at all possible. Questions are as follows:

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- 2) Related, can you explain why exactly the EPA is "not yet prepared to issue designations" for those other areas? What is the reason for the delay on those?
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Thanks very much for your help with this.

Best regards,

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