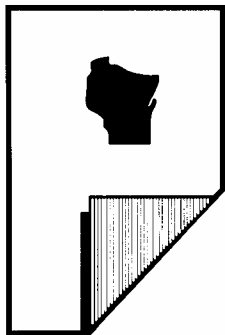


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Paper Industry Applauds Doyle Decision on Ozone Nonattainment Designation

NEENAH – The Wisconsin Paper Council, representing the pulp, paper and allied industries, applauded Governor Jim Doyle’s decision to recommend to the Environmental Protection Agency that only those counties with monitored exceedance of the 8-hour ozone standard be designated as being in nonattainment with the standard. The Governor’s recommendation to EPA follows the path recommended by DNR Secretary Scott Hassett

DNR staff initially considered recommending nonattainment status for not only the violating counties, but for eleven other counties, including Brown, Outagamie and Winnebago, that are in compliance with the standard but are alleged to contribute to nonattainment in other areas.

“The paper industry applauds Gov. Doyle’s decision and believe it shows his commitment to protecting both the environment and economy in Wisconsin,” said Patrick Schillinger, President, Wisconsin Paper Council.

A nonattainment designation carries potentially significant additional control requirements that would hamper economic growth.

“Gov. Doyle and Sec. Hassett should be commended for bringing a much needed balance between environmental protection and economic development,” Schillinger said.

The Wisconsin Paper Council, headquartered in Neenah, is the trade association for the pulp, paper and allied industries in Wisconsin with over 125 members.

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