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STATEMENT

By Senator Jason Crowell on Perry, Bollinger and Cape Girardeau Counties on Clean Air Act

JEFFERSON CITY— Sen. Jason Crowell, R-Cape Girardeau, today applauded a recent report released by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) giving their 2008 ozone boundary recommendations. After the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) created stricter requirements in March, 2008, an ozone monitor in Perry County showed violations. Surrounding areas, such as Cape Girardeau and Bollinger counties, ran the risk of being classified as nonattainment—being in violation of the standard—which could put economic strain on those communities. After meetings with community members, officials, and business owners, DNR issued the new recommendations in the report, which does not list Bollinger or Cape Girardeau counties as nonattainment areas.

“I appreciate the efforts of DNR to work with me and listen to the members of the community who voiced serious concerns with a nonattainment designation. In this time of economic hardships, we must continue working to better the economic growth and development in our area. I will work as this process continues to make sure Cape Girardeau and Bollinger counties are not classified as a nonattainment area.”

-Senator Jason Crowell