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Michelle L. Pirzadeh,
Acting Regional Administrator
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10
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Seattle WA, 98101-3140

RE: National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for Lead

Dear Ms. Pirzadeh:

This letter responds to your request of September 11, 2009 for the state of Washington's recommendations on designations for the revised National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for Lead by October 15, 2009.

On October 15, 2008, the EPA Administrator signed a final rule (published in the Federal Register on November 12, 2008, 73 FR 66964) revising the Lead NAAQS from 1.5 micrograms per cubic meter to 0.15 micrograms per cubic meter to protect public health and welfare. Under the Clean Air Act, a state is provided with an opportunity to recommend designations for all areas of the state of attainment (meets the NAAQS), nonattainment (does not meet the NAAQS), or unclassifiable (insufficient information). As the designee of the Governor, I recommend that the entire state of Washington be designated unclassifiable. The state of Washington does not have any ambient monitoring data that can serve as a basis for designations.

If you have questions about the recommendation, please contact Doug Schneider of my staff at douglas.schneider@ecy.wa.gov / (360) 407-6874.

Sincerely,

Jay Manning by Polly Zehner

Jay J. Manning,
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