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September 10, 2009

William Rice
Acting Regional Administrator
US EPA Region VII
901 North 5th Street
Kansas City, KS 66101

Dear Mr. Rice:

On November 12, 2008, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) revised the national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) for lead. Within one year of promulgation of a new or revised NAAQS, section 107(d)(1)(A) of the Clean Air Act requires the Governor of each state to submit to EPA a list of all areas in the state, recommending designations for each as "attainment," "nonattainment," or "unclassifiable" with respect to the new or revised standard.

Iowa currently has no lead monitors. I therefore request that EPA designate all counties in Iowa as attainment/unclassifiable with respect to the new lead NAAQS.

Iowa is in the process of establishing a lead monitoring network in accordance with the provisions of the revised lead NAAQS, with data collection beginning in January of 2010. We expect to be able to provide you with a more meaningful assessment of lead levels in Iowa's air in the future.

Sincerely,

Chester J. Culver
Governor of Iowa

