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The Honorable Anthony A. Williams Mayor, District of Columbia John A. Wilson Bldg., Suite 209 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W. Washington, D.C. 20004 MAR 0 5 2004

Dear Mayor Williams:

Thank you for your recent letter of February 13, 2004 forwarding the District of Columbia's recommendations on air quality designations for the national health based standards for fine particles.

Your letter is an important step toward providing citizens in your state with critical information about air pollution levels in their community. We intend to carefully review the recommendations and work with the Department of Health as necessary in determining final boundaries for your nonattainment areas.

We look forward to working with the District of Columbia in the coming months on designations for the fine particle standards. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me or Judith M. Katz, Director, Air Protection Division, at (215) 814-2100.

Sincerely,

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Donald S. Welsh Regional Administrator

cc: Theodore Gordon, Senior Deputy Director, D.C. Dept of Health Donald Wambsgans, Program Manager, Air Qaulity Division