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Mr. J. I. "Jimmy" Palmer, Jr.
Regional Administrator
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Atlanta Federal Center
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Dear Mr. Palmer,

Thank you for your June 15, 2007, letter to Governor Charlie Crist regarding recommendations for the designation of "attainment," "nonattainment," or "unclassifiable" areas in Florida with respect to the revised National Ambient Air Quality Standards for fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}). Governor Crist has asked that I respond to your request.

Based on the most recent three years of fully validated PM_{2.5} data (2004-2006), Florida is meeting the standards for both the 24-hour and annual averages at all monitoring stations throughout the state. As such, I would recommend that the entire State of Florida be designated as "attainment" for PM_{2.5}.

Thank you for your continued support of our efforts to fully implement the Clean Air Act in Florida. If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please feel free to contact me at (850) 488-0114.

Sincerely,

Joseph Kahn, Director
Division of Air Resource Management

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cc: Mimi Drew, Deputy Secretary, Regulatory Programs and Energy, DEP