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Mr. J. I. Palmer, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Palmer:

On behalf of Governor Jeb Bush, I am pleased to notify the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that the State of Florida is attaining the new, more stringent federal clean air standard for particulate matter, more commonly known as soot. Based on the most recent available data from 2000-2002, Florida is achieving the required 24-hour average as well as the annual average at all monitoring stations in the State.

Florida is one of only two states east of the Mississippi to meet and maintain all federal public health standards for clean air. Over the last five years, Florida achieved the largest reduction of air pollution in the history of the state. Under the leadership of Governor Jeb Bush, the Department of Environmental Protection is working with industry to cut emissions from power plants beyond federal requirements, expand the marketplace for cleaner technology, and increase energy efficiency and conservation.

Floridians can breathe easier knowing that this administration is establishing policy that results in cleaner air - now and for the future.

Sincerely,

David B. Struhs
Secretary

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