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Honorable Kathleen Sebelius
Governor of Kansas
State Capitol Building
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1590

Dear Governor Sebelius:

Thank you for your recent letter of January 22, 2004, forwarding Kansas's recommendations on air quality designations for the national health based standards for fine particles also known as (PM_{2.5}).

Your letter is an important step toward providing citizens in your state with critical information about air pollution levels in their community. Your recommendation of attainment is based on air quality PM_{2.5} data from 2000-2002. We intend to carefully review your recommendation with up to date PM_{2.5} ambient data and work with Ronald Hammerschmidt, Ph.D., Director of the Division of Environment as necessary in determining final designations. Final designations for PM_{2.5} will be made by the United States Environmental Protection Agency by December 31, 2004.

We look forward to working with Kansas in the coming months on designations for the fine particle standards. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call William A. Spratlin, Director of the Air, RCRA and Toxics Division, who may be reached at (913) 551-7401.

Sincerely,

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Regional Administrator

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