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Karl Brooks
Regional Administrator
Region 7, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
11201 Renner Blvd.
Lenexa, KS 66219

Dear Administrator Brooks:

Monitoring data for fine particle matter now shows that all monitor locations in the State of Iowa are meeting the annual fine particle National Ambient Air Quality Standard. Therefore, with this letter I am amending my previous recommendation and now recommend a classification of "unclassifiable/attainment" for all of Muscatine County.

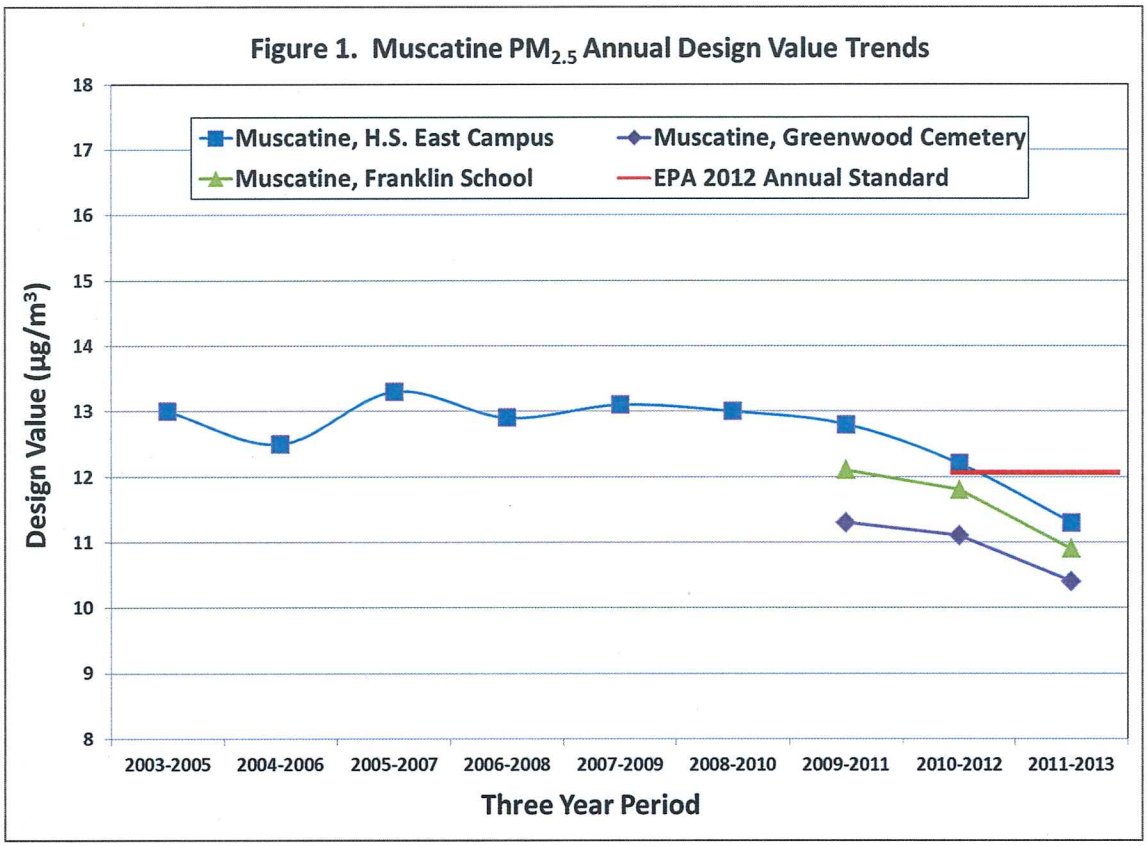
On December 13, 2013, I recommended that all Iowa Counties, with the exception of a portion of Muscatine County, be designated as "unclassifiable/attainment." I also recommended that a portion of Muscatine County be designated as "nonattainment," and the remainder of Muscatine County be designated as "unclassifiable/attainment." This recommendation was made using the 2010 - 2012 monitoring data.

Monitoring data for the period 2011 - 2013 now shows that the Muscatine High School East Campus monitor (as well as all other monitors in the state of Iowa) is meeting the annual fine particle National Ambient Air Quality Standard.

The monitored fine particle levels for Muscatine have been trending downward recently (Attachment A, Figure 1). Additionally, implementation of a fine particulate control strategy is underway in Muscatine to address previously monitored values that violated the 24-hour fine particle standard. Therefore, continued attainment of the annual standard is anticipated.

Sincerely,

Terry E. Branstad
Governor of Iowa

Enclosure

Attachment A