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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Sheryl A. Corrigan
Commissioner
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
520 Lafayette Road
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155-4194

Dear Ms. Corrigan:

Thank you for your February 13, 2004, letter which provided Minnesota's recommendations on air quality designations for fine particles.

These recommendations are important in providing the citizens of Minnesota with important information about air pollution levels in their communities. We intend to carefully review the recommendations and work with you in making the final designations.

We look forward to working with Minnesota in the coming months on designations for the fine particle standards. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

/s/ original signed by
~~Thomas V. Skinner~~
Bharat Mathur
Regional Administrator