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Mr. James Guilliford
Regional Administrator
USEPA, Region VII
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Kansas City, KS 66101

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Dear Mr. Guilliford:

The EPA promulgated the air quality standards for fine particulate matter (known as PM_{2.5}) on July 18, 1997. The process for designations following promulgation of a National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) is contained in section 107 (d)(1) of the Clean Air Act. This section provides each State Governor an opportunity to recommend attainment/unclassifiable or nonattainment designations including appropriate boundaries to the EPA. In your letter of May 19, 2003, you have requested a list of recommended designations by February 15, 2004.

A review of Kansas' 2000-2002 PM_{2.5} monitoring data indicates that none of the PM_{2.5} monitors in Kansas measured violations of either the 24-hour or annual standard. I therefore request that EPA designate all counties in Kansas as attainment/unclassifiable with respect to the new PM_{2.5} standards.

Feel free to contact Ronald Hammerschmidt, Ph.D., Director of the Division of Environment at 785-296-1535 if you have any questions regarding these recommendations or the analyses upon which the recommendations are made.

Sincerely yours,



Kathleen Sebelius
Governor of the State of Kansas

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Enclosures

PC: Roderick L. Bremby, Secretary, KDHE
Ron Hammerschmidt, Director, Division of Environment

2000 - 2002 P M DATA SUMMARY

| Site Name | 98th Percentile | | | Weighted Annual Mean | | | Mean |
|------------------------------------|---|------|------|---|------|------|-------|
| d | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 00-02 |
| Wichita | | | | | | | |
| Washington & Skinner | 25.9 | 25.2 | 27.1 | 11.8 | 11.6 | 10.7 | 11.4 |
| Glenn & Pawnee | 25.3 | 25.2 | 27.9 | 11.5 | 11.2 | 10.8 | 11.2 |
| Wichita Health Dept | 26.4 | 24.8 | 27.9 | 11.9 | 11.2 | 10.7 | 11.3 |
| Peck Sumner Co. | 23.0 | 21.6 | 24.1 | 10.5 | 10.6 | 10.0 | 10.4 |
| KC, KS Johnson Co. | | | | | | | |
| JFK | 28.0 | 30.5 | 25.3 | 13.4 | 13.6 | 13.3 | 13.4 |
| Midland Elem. School | 26.2 | 24.6 | 30.8 | 11.0 | 11.5 | 12.1 | 11.5 |
| Justice Center | 24.3 | 27.3 | 30.0 | 11.4 | 12.2 | 12.3 | 12.0 |
| Oxford Middle School | 25.8 | 26.1 | 28.0 | 11.2 | 11.8 | 11.9 | 11.6 |
| Black Bob Elem. School | 25.4 | 25.4 | 25.5 | 11.1 | 11.9 | 11.9 | 11.6 |
| Topeka | | | | | | | |
| Robinson Middle School | 23.5 | 22.8 | 29.1 | 10.7 | 10.7 | 11.1 | 10.8 |
| McClure Elem. School | 22.7 | 22.5 | 25.8 | 10.8 | 10.4 | 10.9 | 10.7 |
| Other Sites | | | | | | | |
| Mine Creek | 24.8 | 23.3 | 25.3 | 10.4 | 10.4 | 10.9 | 10.6 |
| All units are in ug/m ³ | 24-Hr Std = 65 ug/m ³ , 98th Percentile | | | Annual Mean Std =15.0 ug/m ³ | | | |