

Aug. 1, 2007

Mr. John B. Askew
Regional Administrator
USEPA, Region VII
901 N. 5th Street
Kansas City, KS 66101

Dear Mr. Askew:

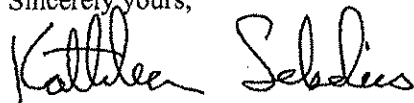
The EPA promulgated the new air quality standards for fine particulate matter (known as PM_{2.5}) on October 17, 2006. The new standard became effective on December 18, 2006. The process for designations following promulgation of a National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) is contained in section 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 July 5, 2007, you have requested a list of recommended designations by December 18, 2007.

A review of Kansas' 2004-2006 PM_{2.5} monitoring data indicates that Johnson, Linn, Sedgwick, Shawnee, Sumner, and Wyandotte Counties are eligible for an Attainment designation. I recommend these counties be designated as Attainment. I recommend the remainder of the state be designated as Unclassifiable/Attainment based on the fact that no reference method monitoring of sufficient duration has been conducted in the counties designated Unclassifiable/Attainment.

This recommendation does not include the following tribal lands: the Prairie Band of the Potawatomi Indian Reservation in Jackson County, and the Kickapoo Nation Indian Reservation, the Sac and Fox Tribe Indian Reservation and the Iowa Tribe Indian Reservation in Brown County.

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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2004 - 2006 PM_{2.5} DATA SUMMARY

Site Name	98th Percentile			Mean	Weighted Annual Mean			Mean
	2004	2005	2006		2004	2005	2006	
Wichita								
Washington & Skinner	23.8	26.9	17.2	22.6	10.6	10.9	8.6	10.0
Glenn & Pawnee	23.4	30.7	17.1	23.7	10.4	11.3	8.4	10.0
Wichita Health Dept	24.3	30.1	17.8	24.1	10.5	10.9	8.6	10.0
Peck (Sumner Co.)	22.9	26.4	17.6	22.3	9.8	11.1	8.2	9.7
KC,KS / Johnson Co.								
JFK	28.2	35.3	23.7	29.1	11.8	14.0	11.6	12.5
Midland Elem. School	24.5	31.0	21.6	25.7	10.3	11.8	10.3	10.8
Justice Center	22.5	30.2	20.8	24.5	9.8	11.8	9.7	10.4
Black Bob Elem. School	24.6	28.0	20.9	24.5	10.0	11.6	10.0	10.5
Heritage Park	23.0	28.8	19.0	23.6	9.1	11.7	9.1	10.0
Topeka								
Robinson Middle School*	24.9	30.8	21.8	25.8	9.9	11.3	9.4	10.2
McClure Elem. School**	25.7	29.9	23.9	26.5	10.2	11.6	10.2	10.7
Other Sites								
Mine Creek	21.9	29.7	21.0	24.2	9.3	11.1	10.4	10.3
All units are in $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	24-Hr Std. = $35 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, 98th Percentile			Annual Mean Std. = $15.0 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$				

*Robinson Middle School site discontinued 11/14/2006 - Moved to Topeka/KNI site

**McClure Elem. School site discontinued 3/31/2006