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Mr. Ira Leighton
Acting Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
One Congress Street
Boston, MA 02114-2023

RE: Maine's Area Designation Recommendations for the Revised Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standard

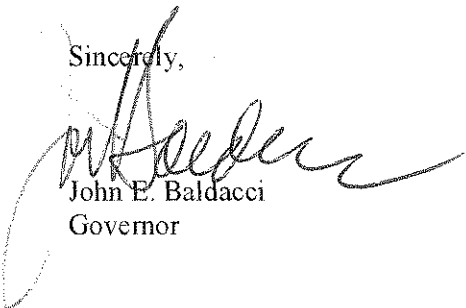
Dear Mr. Leighton:

I am pleased to submit Maine's proposed designation under the October 15, 2008 revised Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). Section 107(d)(1)(A) of the Clean Air Act (CAA) provides up to one year after adoption of new or revised NAAQS for states to submit recommendations identifying areas that violate or contribute to nearby violations of the revised NAAQS. Consistent with Section 107(d)(1)(A) of the CAA and EPA guidance, Maine recommends that the entire state of Maine be designated as "unclassifiable" for the revised Lead NAAQS until sufficient data is available to designate areas in attainment or nonattainment.

Maine's Department of Environmental Protection (MEDEP) discontinued lead monitoring in the early 1990's primarily because monitored levels were significantly lower than the 1978 Lead NAAQS. MEDEP is currently working with EPA Region I establishing a lead monitoring site in Portland that will be used to track future compliance with the revised Lead NAAQS. When sufficient data is available from that site we will revise the "unclassifiable" designation recommendation.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation. I have asked James Brooks, Director of the Bureau of Air Quality, at the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, to be available (207-287-7044) to answer any questions you may have regarding the recommended designation and lead monitoring strategy.

Sincerely,


John E. Baldacci
Governor

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