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Ms. Gwendolyn Keyes Fleming
Regional Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4
Sam Nunn Federal Center
61 Forsyth Street, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960

Re: South Carolina Boundary Recommendations for Lead Designations

Dear Ms. Fleming,

I am writing this letter to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to update South Carolina's original recommendation on air quality designations for the revised National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for lead. On October 15, 2008, the EPA substantially revised the NAAQS for lead (*73 Federal Register* 66964, November 12, 2008). In conjunction with strengthening the lead NAAQS, the EPA established new criteria for siting ambient lead monitors, finding the pre-existing ambient lead monitoring network inadequate for determining attainment status. Monitors meeting the new network siting requirements were to begin operation in January 2010.

As a result, in its letter dated June 14, 2010, the EPA stated that it intends to complete the lead designations in two rounds. The EPA identified South Carolina as a state included in this second round of designations and permitted the state to submit an updated recommendation by December 15, 2010.

After a review of the most recent quality-assured air quality data, I am again pleased to report that South Carolina fully complies with the primary and secondary NAAQS for lead. As a result, I am again recommending that the entire State of South Carolina be designated as "attainment" for the lead NAAQS based upon validated air quality monitoring data.

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Should you have any questions regarding our recommendation, please contact Myra Reece, Chief, Bureau of Air Quality, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, at (803) 898-4123 or by email at reecemc@dhec.sc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Sanford', written in a cursive style.

Mark Sanford

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cc: Mr. Earl Hunter, Commissioner, SCDHEC
Mr. Robert W. King, Jr., SCDHEC
Ms. Myra C. Reece, SCDHEC