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Mr. Bharat Mathur, Acting Regional Administrator
Office of the Regional Administrator
USEPA Region 5, R19J
77 West Jackson Boulevard
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Dear Mr. Mathur:

On behalf of Governor Quinn, and pursuant to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's revision to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for lead dated October 15, 2008, I am submitting our recommendations for attainment and nonattainment designations for the State of Illinois. Included with Illinois' recommendations is a supporting document prepared by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA). The Illinois EPA will also provide this document to your staff in electronic format to facilitate your timely review.

We are recommending that the City of Granite City, which is located in Madison County, be designated as nonattainment for the revised lead NAAQS. As violations of the revised lead standard have been measured in Granite City during 2006-2008, and our analysis indicates that the primary contributing factors are localized, designating it as nonattainment is appropriate. The remainder of Illinois is attaining the revised lead standard and should, therefore, be designated as attainment.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me or Laurel L. Kroack, Chief of the Bureau of Air at Illinois EPA.

Very truly yours,

Douglas P. Scott
Director

cc: Cheryl Newton, Acting Chief
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