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Michelle Pirzadeh, Acting Regional Administrator
U.S. EPA, Region 10
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Dear Ms. Pirzadeh:

In accordance with Section 107(d)(1)(A) of the Clean Air Act, we provide this initial designation for attainment of the revised primary and secondary national ambient air quality standards for lead.

We recommend that the State of State of Alaska be designated as in attainment with the revised standards. This recommendation is based on the absence of sources throughout most of the State and results of the limited monitoring that has been conducted proximal to known sources (enclosed).

Historic use of leaded gasoline by vehicles in high traffic corridors and ongoing use of leaded fuel by light aircraft suggest additional monitoring in the Anchorage urban area to test this initial designation. Additional monitoring in the vicinity of other sources may be desirable as well. We will be working with your staff to establish new lead monitoring sites in Alaska in accordance with the new monitoring rules.

Thank you. Please direct questions to Acting Air Quality Director Alice Edwards or me.

Sincerely,



Larry Hartig,
Commissioner