



Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

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**Secretary**

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Mr. Shawn M. Garvin  
Regional Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III  
1650 Arch Street (Mail Code: 3RA00)  
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Dear Mr. Garvin:

Pursuant to Section 107(d) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), enclosed are the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's designation recommendations pertinent to the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for lead (0.15 micrograms per cubic meter) promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on October 15, 2008. The final rule was published in the *Federal Register* on November 12, 2008. (73 *Fed. Reg.* 66964)

Prior to finalizing the recommendations, the Department of Environmental Protection held public meetings in Reading and Pittsburgh on October 21, 2009, to discuss the revised lead NAAQS, expansion of our existing lead monitoring network and the proposed designation recommendations. Comments submitted during the public comment period, which was extended to October 30, 2009, were duly considered.

We understand that EPA will issue final designations in October 2010 for areas with sufficient monitoring data and that you will also provide notice of any modifications to our recommendations at least 120 days prior to issuing final designations. We look forward to working with you and your staff during the development of the lead designations for Pennsylvania.

Thank you in advance for your favorable consideration of our recommendations. Should you have questions or need additional information, please contact Joyce E. Epps, Director of the Bureau of Air Quality, by e-mail at [jeepps@state.pa.us](mailto:jeepps@state.pa.us) or by telephone at 717-787-9702.

Sincerely,

John Hanger  
Secretary

Enclosures

