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OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

November 2, 2009

The Honorable M. Jodi Rell Governor of Connecticut State Capitol 210 Capitol Avenue Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Governor Rell:

Thank you for your letter of October 6, 2009, providing recommendations for designating areas in your state with regards to the 2008 revision of the national ambient air quality standard for lead.

Your letter is an important step toward providing citizens in your state with critical information about air pollution levels in their communities. We will carefully review these recommendations and work with the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection in determining the final area designations. We plan to designate areas in October 2010 and will announce our intended designations no later than 120 days prior to finalizing the designations.

We look forward to working with Connecticut in the coming months on this important issue. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me or Anne Arnold, Manager of the Air Quality Planning Unit, at (617) 918-1047.

Sincerely,

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Acting Regional Administrator

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