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John Askew
Regional Administrator
Region VII, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
901 North 5th Street
Kansas City, KS 66101

Dear Mr. Askew:

On March 12, 2008, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) revised the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for ozone. Within one year of promulgation of a new or revised NAAQS, section 107(d)(1)(A) of the Clean Air Act requires the Governor of each state to submit to EPA a list of all areas in the state, recommending designations for each as "attainment," "nonattainment," or "unclassifiable" with respect to the new or revised standard. Thank you for your letter of December 29, 2008 reminding of me of this duty.

A review of Iowa's 2005-2007 ozone monitoring data indicates that none of the ozone monitors in Iowa measured violations of the new standard. I therefore request that EPA designate all counties in Iowa as attainment/unclassifiable with respect to the new ozone NAAQS.

Sincerely,

Chester J. Culver
Governor of Iowa

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