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Mr. Dennis Grams, Regional Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region VII
901 5th Street
Kansas City, KS 66101

Dear Mr. Grams:

In July 1997, the Environmental Protection Agency promulgated a new National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ozone. In accordance with section 107(d) of the Clean Air Act, EPA must provide an initial list of areas that do not meet the new standard within two years of its promulgation date. This deadline was delayed one year by section 107(d) of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, making the resultant deadline for EPA attainment designations July of 2000.

According to the Clean Air Act, the Governor of each State must use air monitoring data to designate areas within the State that do not meet the new standard, and provide this information as a recommendation to EPA for its non-attainment area designations. A review of Iowa's 1997-1999 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,

Thomas J. Vilsack
Governor

Enclosure

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Ozone Attainment Calculations (Three Year Averages Greater Than 85 ppb Indicate Non-Attainment with the NAAQS)						
County	Site Location	EPA Monitor Id	Year	4th Highest Daily Maximum 8hr Ozone Concentration (ppb)	Average (ppb)	Years Averaged
Clinton	Clinton	190450021442011	1999	81	81*	99
Harrison	Pisgah	190851101442011	1997	68		
			1998	79		
			1999	70	72	97-99
Linn	Cedar Rapids	191130028442011	1999	76	76*	99
Linn	Coggon	191130033442011	1997	65		
			1998	65		
			1999	76	68	97-99
Linn	Marion	191131015442011	1997	60		
			1998	59	59*	97-98
Palo Alto	Emmetsburg	191471002442011	1997	51		
			1998	68		
			1999	74	64	97-99
Polk	Des Moines	191530058442011	1997	63		
			1998	56		
			1999	59	59	97-99
Scott	Scott County Park	191630014442011	1999	83	83*	99
Scott	Argo	191632011442011	1997	72		
			1998	77 (72)		
			1999	79	76 (74)**	97-99
Story	Slater	191690011442011	1997	74		
			1998	70		
			1999	72	72	97-99
Van Buren	Lacey Keosauqua State Park	191770004442011	1997	65		
			1998	71		
			1999	76	70	97-99
Warren	Lake Ahquabi State Park	191810022442011	1997	57		
			1998	70		
			1999	73	66	97-99

*Monitor operated for less than three years
**DNR has requested that EPA change the indicated values to the values in parenthesis (Mexican Fires Exclusion)