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Mike Johanns
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June 16, 2000

Mr. Dennis D. Grams, Regional Administrator
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Dear Mr. Grams:

As the Governor's designee for the State Implementation Plan (SIP), I request that all areas of the state of Nebraska be designated as attainment with the 8-hour ozone NAAQS. I am making this request in response to your May 2, 2000, letter to Governor Johanns.

Review of quality assured air quality monitoring data, in light of existing regulations and policy, shows that the state has met the new 8-hour ozone NAAQS in years 1997-99 at all 4 monitors within the state. This data has been quality assured and entered into the aerometric information retrieval system (AIRS) on a schedule approved under our State-EPA Agreement (SEA).

Based on review of the monitoring data, Nebraska is not likely to violate the new standard at any of the monitors. Designation of all areas as attainment with the new standard will recognize the adequacy of the existing SIP relative to the new standard.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please contact Shelley Kaderly at (402) 471-2189 if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Linder
Director