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Dear Dr. Marty:

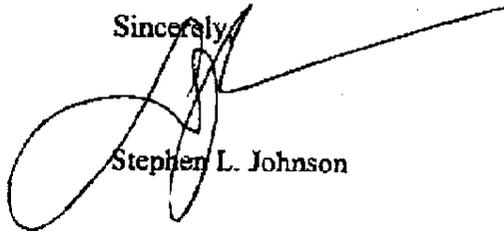
Thank you for your letter of January 9, 2007, regarding the current review of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for lead.

I appreciate the participation by the Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee in reviewing and providing comments on the Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and associated documents, particularly given the rapid timeline on which the NAAQS review for lead is progressing. I share your commitment and that of the Committee to reducing children's lead exposures. As we move forward in developing the proposed and final rulemaking for this review, we will take into account your comments regarding the role of the NAAQS in protecting communities from the dangers of lead pollution and on specific elements for the NAAQS.

On December 12-13, 2007, the ANPR and associated documents were the focus of review by the lead panel of EPA's Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee. In developing the Agency's proposed decision on the lead NAAQS, we will be considering the CASAC advice and recommendations as well as weighing heavily the comments from other stakeholders, including the CHPAC.

Again, thank you for your letter. I appreciate CHPAC's participation in this phase of the lead NAAQS rulemaking.

Sincerely,


Stephen L. Johnson