



DEC 10 2010

Ms. Susan Hedman
Regional Administrator
U.S. EPA Region V
77 W. Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60604

Re: Ohio's Second Round Recommended Designations for the 2008 Lead Standard

Dear Administrator Hedman:

I am writing to submit Ohio's second round recommendations for lead nonattainment areas within Ohio for the revised 2008 lead standard. On October 15, 2008, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) promulgated a revision to the lead NAAQS which obligated the State of Ohio to designate the attainment status of all areas. USEPA revised the NAAQS by changing the level from 1.5 ug/m³ to 0.15 ug/m³.

Ohio's initial designations ("first round") recommendations were submitted to U.S. EPA on October 5, 2009. The first round designation recommendations were based on 2006-2008 ambient air quality monitoring. There were three partial counties in Ohio where violations occurred for the new revised lead standard – Cuyahoga County, Fulton County, and Logan County. U.S. EPA announced the final first round designations on November 16, 2010 with publication in the Federal Register on November 22, 2010 (75 FR 71033). The first round designations are effective December 31, 2010.

As part of the first round of designations, U.S. EPA recognized States may not have sufficient information for new monitors to make such a determination; therefore U.S. EPA extended the deadline for designations of these areas by one year so that data from the new monitors can be considered in the designation decision. Ohio EPA is required to submit its "second round" designation recommendations for lead nonattainment for Ohio by December 15, 2010. This submittal is Ohio's updated recommendation for the "second round" of designations. The second round designation recommendations are based on the most current lead monitoring data available.

Ohio EPA provided a public comment period and held a public hearing on these recommendations on December 8, 2010. There were no attendees at the public hearing and no comments were received at the close of the comment period.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide these recommendations and will work cooperatively with U.S. EPA Region 5 staff as we both review new ambient data. If you have any questions concerning this submittal, please feel free to contact Jennifer Hunter of the Division of Air Pollution Control at (614) 644-3696.

Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Korleski". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chris Korleski
Director

Enclosures

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