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State of Louisiana DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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Lawrence E. Starfield Acting Regional Administrator US EPA Region 6 (6RA) 1445 Ross Ave, Suite 1200 Dallas, TX 75202-2733

Re: Designations for 2008 revised National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Lead

Dear Mr. Starfield:

Thank you for the opportunity to present Louisiana's recommendations on the above referenced standards for lead. Historically, we operated a small number of lead monitors; however that monitoring was discontinued in 2002 when our highest monitored value was $0.14\mu g/m^3$, which is lower than the new standard and much lower than the $1.5\mu g/m^3$ standard. In the absence of any current lead data for Louisiana, I would like to present the following designation recommendations:

All 64 Louisiana Parishes

Unclassifiable

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Vince, Administrator of the Air Quality Assessment Division, at 225-219-3482.

Sincerely,

Harold Leggett, Ph.D. Secretary