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Mr. Karl Brooks, Regional Administrator
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Dear Mr. Brooks:

In November 2010, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) received a letter from EPA Region VII requesting updated recommendations and supporting technical documentation for the second round of designations for the 2008 National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for lead. In a letter dated September 29, 2009, the State recommended that EPA designate all counties in Kansas as unclassifiable with respect to the revised lead standard. Since that initial recommendation and implementation of the Kansas Ambient Air Monitoring Plan for Airborne Lead (Pb), ambient air lead monitoring in Saline County has measured concentrations that do not meet the NAAQS.

The attached technical support document provides justification to designate nonattainment for the 2008 lead NAAQS that portion of Saline County in and south of the City of Salina that is bounded on the north by East Schilling Road, on the east by a north-south line one quarter mile west of South Ohio Street, on the south by East Water Well Road, and on the west by South Ninth Street. I request that the remaining portions of Saline County and all other Kansas counties be designated as unclassifiable/attainment.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed recommendation and supporting information, please contact John Mitchell, Director of the Division of Environment, at 785-296-1535.

With Warm Regards,

Sam Brownback
Governor of the State of Kansas