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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICE OF THE
BUREAU OF AIR MANAGEMENT REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
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The Honorable M. Jodi Rell
Governor of Connecticut
State Capitol
Hartford, CT 06106

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Dear Governor Rell:

Thank you for your follow-up letter to EPA's letter of June 29, 2004, which informed you of our intent to modify Connecticut's recommendations on air-quality designations for the national health-based standards for fine particles.

EPA New England will carefully review the new information that you have provided supporting Connecticut's recommendation to designate the entire state in attainment with the fine particle standard. We will coordinate our review with EPA Headquarters and other regions, especially EPA Region 2, to ensure that our designation decisions fully consider all information provided by Connecticut and provide national consistency.

We look forward to continuing to work with Connecticut on designations for the fine particle standards. Currently, EPA intends to make final decisions regarding nonattainment boundaries by November 17, 2004. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me or have your staff call David Conroy, Acting Chief of the Air Programs Branch, at (617) 918-1661.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Varney
Regional Administrator

cc: Arthur J. Rocque, Commissioner, CT DEP
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