



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

THE ADMINISTRATOR

JUL 22 2009

Mr. Avinash Kar
Natural Resources Defense Council
111 Sutter Street, 20th Floor
San Francisco, California 94104

Dear Mr. Kar:

This is in response to the petition for reconsideration dated January 12, 2009, submitted on behalf of Missouri Coalition for the Environment Foundation, the Natural Resources Defense Council, the Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning, and Physicians for Social Responsibility ("Petitioners"). Petitioners seek reconsideration of certain provisions of the final rule on the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Lead ("lead NAAQS"), published at 73 Fed. Reg. 66964 (November 12, 2008), relating to the emissions threshold for monitoring lead emissions near specific sources of lead.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is granting the January 12, 2009, petition for reconsideration in order to allow the Agency to reconsider the emissions threshold for source-oriented monitoring requirements and determine whether it should be lowered, as requested by Petitioners. EPA will also reconsider related monitoring issues as appropriate, including the requirements for non-source oriented monitoring. EPA intends to initiate a rulemaking process for this reconsideration, and the specific issues subject to reconsideration will be set out in a proposal for that rulemaking.

Thank you for your interest in the final lead NAAQS rule. EPA looks forward to any comments you may provide during the reconsideration rulemaking. If you have any questions regarding the reconsideration process, please contact Padmini Singh at (202) 564-5641 or David Orlin at (202) 564-1222.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa P. Jackson".

Lisa P. Jackson