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Secretary

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Mr. J. I. Palmer, Jr.
Regional Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 4
Atlanta Federal Center
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Dear Mr. Palmer:

On behalf of Governor Jeb Bush, I am pleased to notify the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that the State of Florida is attaining the new, more stringent federal clean air standard, known as the 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard. Based on air quality data over the last three years (2000-2002), Florida is meeting the new standard as well as the previous 1-hour standard at all monitoring stations throughout the State.

Florida is one of only two states east of the Mississippi to meet and maintain all federal public health standards for clean air. Over the last four years, Florida achieved the largest reduction of air pollution in the history of the state. Under the leadership of Governor Jeb Bush, the Department of Environmental Protection is working with industry to cut emissions from power plants beyond federal requirements, expand the marketplace for cleaner technology, and increase energy efficiency and conservation.

As a result of our clean air success, I recommend that the entire state of Florida be designated as "attainment" for ozone. Floridians can breathe easier knowing that this administration is establishing policy that results in cleaner air – now and for the future.

Sincerely,

David B. Struhs
Secretary

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Enclosure

Ozone Design Values 2000 - 2002 Period

