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Harold LeVander, Governor
State of Minnesota
State Capitol Building
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Governor:

Your efforts to curb pollution in Minnesota are noteworthy and heartily supported. I would like to propose that a Pollution Index become a regular part of public weather reporting for Minnesota regions.

It strikes me as incongruous to hear radio reports of high pressure and fine weather when large areas are involved in the clouds of pollution. I was struck by this a week or so ago as my car radio reported sunny and clear skies when in fact a mile-wide heavy yellow cloud extended eastward from east St. Paul well into Wisconsin, along route I-94 and 12, greatly obscuring visibility.

Such reporting would pinpoint for the public the origins and directions of atmospheric pollution, and help to rally public support for your work. Admittedly, it would provide only limited information about the total picture of spoilage going on, but I believe that fair, objective and useful indices and reporting language could be developed and instituted soon. This would be an effective Minnesota "First."

Regards,

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