



State of New Mexico

Susana Martinez
Governor

September 22, 2016

Mr. Ron Curry
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region VI (6-RA)
1445 Ross Avenue
Dallas, Texas 75202-2733

Dear Mr. Curry:

This letter fulfills New Mexico's obligations under Section 107(d)(1) of the Clean Air Act, which requires all state governors to submit initial designations within one year of the promulgation of a new or revised National Ambient Air Quality Standard ("NAAQS"). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency promulgated a revised NAAQS for ground-level ozone pollution on October 1, 2015. The State of New Mexico's recommended initial county designations for the 2015 ozone NAAQS are included in the report attached to this letter.

Our certified monitoring data indicate violations of the 2015 ozone NAAQS at two ambient air monitors in New Mexico, both of which are located in southern Doña Ana County. Based on our evaluation of relevant evidence, New Mexico believes that emissions from sources beyond the international border within Mexico contribute to the violations indicated by the Doña Ana County monitors. We intend to explore this aspect of New Mexico's situation in detail with your staff over the coming year, prior to final designations.

The State of New Mexico's recommendations for ozone nonattainment boundaries are included in the attached report. These boundary recommendations could change should 2016 data show that a nonattainment designation is not warranted.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed document, please contact Richard Goodyear, Chief of the New Mexico Environment Department's Air Quality Bureau, at (505) 476-4305.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "SMartinez".

Susana Martinez
Governor