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July 10, 2000

Mr. Gregg Cooke
Regional Administrator
US EPA Region 6
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Dear Mr. Cooke:

In June of 1999, the Governor of the State of New Mexico provided the EPA with his recommendation for ozone air quality designations throughout the State. Specifically, the Governor acknowledged that all ozone air monitors in the State show air quality meets the eight hour ozone standard promulgated by the EPA. This recommendation was based on quality assured data provided to the EPA for calendar years 1996 through 1998.

This letter is to notify you that New Mexico will not submit another recommendation in 2000. Data for 1999 has been collected, processed, and submitted to the EPA showing that all monitors in the State remain in attainment of the eight hour standard.

Sincerely

Sandra Ely
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Attachment

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June 25, 1999

Gregg A. Cooke
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Dear Mr. Cooke:

This letter is being submitted to fulfill Section 6103(a) of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21). TEA-21 modified the Clean Air Act schedule for designating the status of areas with regards to the revised national ambient air quality standard for ozone. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency promulgated a revised ozone standard in July, 1997. TEA-21 requires that each state submit recommendations on the status of areas with regard to attainment of the new ozone standard by July, 1999.

We also realize the uncertainties regarding implementation of the new ozone standard in light of the recent U.S. Circuit Court decision. Nevertheless, we have evaluated 1996-1998 ambient ozone monitoring data with respect to the new 8-hour ozone standard and find that all areas of New Mexico are in compliance with the standard. Hence we recommend attainment status for all areas of the state with regard to the new 8-hour ozone standard.

Sincerely,

Gary E. Johnson

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Governor of New Mexico

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cc: Peter Maggiore, Secretary, Environment Department