



State of New Mexico

Susana Martinez
Governor

October 17, 2016

Mr. Ron Curry
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6
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SUBJECT: Ozone Designation Recommendation for Albuquerque and Bernalillo County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Curry:

On October 1, 2015, EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy signed the revised primary and secondary eight-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone (O₃ NAAQS). 80 Fed. Reg. 65,292 (October 26, 2015). The EPA strengthened the eight-hour standard for ozone by setting it at 0.070 parts per million. Section 107(d)(1) of the Clean Air Act (CAA) requires governors to submit initial designation recommendations within one year of the promulgation of any new or revised NAAQS. This letter provides my initial designation recommendation of "attainment" for Albuquerque and Bernalillo County, New Mexico.

The City of Albuquerque Environmental Health Department (EHD), Air Quality Program acts as the administrative agency for the Albuquerque –Bernalillo County Air Quality Control Board, which exercises air quality regulatory jurisdiction over the city and county. EHD evaluated ambient monitoring data for all of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County from 2013 through 2015 with respect to the revised O₃ NAAQS. The design value for the primary and secondary eight-hour ozone standard, calendar year 2015 (evaluating years 2013-2015) is 0.066 parts per million, placing Albuquerque – Bernalillo County below the 2015 standard and in compliance with the revised O₃ NAAQS.

Therefore, I recommend attainment status for all areas of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County, New Mexico.

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Sincerely,

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