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February 6, 2025

Scott Mason IV, Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region VI
1201 Elm Street, Ste. 500
Mail Code: 6MM-A
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Re: Revised 2024 PM_{2.5} National Ambient Air Quality Standard Attainment Designation Recommendation

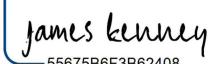
Dear Administrator Mason:

Pursuant to Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 107(d)(1), Albuquerque-Bernalillo County submits this letter to fulfill the initial area designation recommendation that is required of all states within one year following a new or revised National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). On February 7, 2024, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency promulgated a revised primary annual NAAQS for particulate matter 2.5 microns aerodynamic diameter or less in size (PM_{2.5}) from 12.0 µg/m³ to 9.0 µg/m³ (89 FR 16202, March 6, 2024).

The City of Albuquerque Environmental Health Department (EHD) evaluated 2021 through 2023 ambient monitoring data with respect to the revised PM_{2.5} NAAQS and finds that its jurisdiction is in attainment or unclassifiable. Please accept this attainment designation recommendation to meet CAA Section 107(d)(1)(A)(ii) and (iii). I recommend that Albuquerque-Bernalillo County be classified as attainment/unclassifiable for the revised PM_{2.5} NAAQS. The design value summary for 2021-2023 is attached.

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Paul Rogers, City of Albuquerque EHD Director, at 505-768-2606 or progers@cabq.gov.

Respectfully,

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Attachment A: Albuquerque-Bernalillo County PM 2.5 design values (2021-2023)

Local Site Name	2021-2023 Annual Design Value (µg/m3) [1,2]
Del Norte	5.2
Jefferson	7.4
South Valley	8.0
Foothills	4.2
North Valley	7.8