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## DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency EPA Docket Center 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, D.C. 20460

Attention: Docket ID No. EPA-OAR-HQ-2012-0918

(Submitted electronically to the docket at www.regulations.gov)

Re: EPA Responses to State and Tribal 2012 Primary Annual Fine Particle Designation Recommendations

Pursuant to the solicitation for public comment published in the *Federal Register* (FR) by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) on August 29, 2014 (79 FR 51517), the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) provides the following comments on *EPA Responses to State And Tribal 2012 Primary Annual Fine Particle Designation Recommendations*.

On behalf of the Governor of the State of Nevada, the Honorable Brian Sandoval, the NDEP submitted Nevada's recommendation that the state be designated attainment or unclassifiable for the 2012 primary annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS, as follows:

- Hydrographic Area 87 (Reno planning area), Attainment
- Hydrographic Area 212 (Las Vegas planning area), Attainment
- Hydrographic Area164A (Ivanpah Valley, Northern Part), Attainment
- All remaining hydrographic areas in the State of Nevada: Unclassifiable

Dec. 6, 2013 letter to Jared Blumenfeld.

On August 19, 2014, USEPA responded to Nevada's recommendation stating its intention to designate the entire state of Nevada as unclassifiable/attainment. The NDEP supports the USEPA's proposed designation.

If you have any questions about this submittal, feel free to contact me at (775) 687-9495.

Sincerely,

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