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December 5, 2013

Ron Curry, Regional Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region VI  
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200  
Dallas, Texas 75202-2733

RE: Fine Particulate (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) Area  
Attainment Designation Recommendations for Counties in the State of Arkansas.

Dear Mr. Curry:

The NAAQS for Particulate Matter (PM) was revised in a final rule dated January 15, 2013, with an effective date of March 18, 2013. In this rulemaking, EPA promulgated a revised primary annual NAAQS for PM<sub>2.5</sub> of 12.0 µg/m<sup>3</sup> averaged over a 3-year period to replace the existing primary annual standard of 15.0 µg/m<sup>3</sup> and retained the primary 24-hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard at 35 µg/m<sup>3</sup>. The previous primary standards for PM<sub>10</sub>, as well as the secondary standards for PM<sub>2.5</sub>, also remain unchanged. Section 107(d)(1) of the Federal Clean Air Act requires state governors to recommend attainment status designations within one year of the promulgation of any new or revised NAAQS. This letter provides such recommendations as set forth below.

All monitored counties in Arkansas currently meet the existing primary and secondary PM<sub>2.5</sub> Standards with the exception of Pulaski County, which would exceed the new Primary Standard based on the Design Value for calendar years 2010-2012. However, based on the data collected to date for 2013, we expect all Arkansas counties to attain the Standards by the time EPA makes final designations in 2014. For this reason, Arkansas is making a preliminary designation recommendation of attainment or unclassifiable for all Arkansas counties. Final designation recommendations will be submitted when the 2013 data is complete and quality assured, based on the 2013 Design Value. The attached table lists all Arkansas counties and their recommended designations. For further information regarding these recommendations, please contact Mike Bates, Chief - Air Division, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, at 501-682-0000 or by e-mail at [bates@adeq.state.ar.us](mailto:bates@adeq.state.ar.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Beebe".

Mike Beebe

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Enclosure – List of Arkansas county designation recommendations.

## Preliminary Arkansas Annual Fine Particulate (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) Designation Recommendations

County	Recommended Designation
Arkansas	Attainment
Ashley	Attainment
Baxter	Unclassifiable
Benton	Unclassifiable
Boone	Unclassifiable
Bradley	Unclassifiable
Calhoun	Unclassifiable
Carroll	Unclassifiable
Chicot	Unclassifiable
Clark	Unclassifiable
Clay	Unclassifiable
Cleburne	Unclassifiable
Cleveland	Unclassifiable
Columbia	Unclassifiable
Conway	Unclassifiable
Craighead	Unclassifiable
Crawford	Unclassifiable
Crittenden	Attainment
Cross	Unclassifiable
Dallas	Unclassifiable
Desha	Unclassifiable
Drew	Unclassifiable
Faulkner	Unclassifiable
Franklin	Unclassifiable
Fulton	Unclassifiable
Garland	Attainment
Grant	Unclassifiable
Greene	Unclassifiable
Hempstead	Unclassifiable
Hot Spring	Unclassifiable
Howard	Unclassifiable
Independence	Unclassifiable
Izard	Unclassifiable
Jackson	Attainment
Jefferson	Unclassifiable
Johnson	Unclassifiable
Lafayette	Unclassifiable

County	Recommended Designation
Lawrence	Unclassifiable
Lee	Unclassifiable
Lincoln	Unclassifiable
Little River	Unclassifiable
Logan	Unclassifiable
Lonoke	Unclassifiable
Madison	Unclassifiable
Marion	Unclassifiable
Miller	Unclassifiable
Mississippi	Unclassifiable
Monroe	Unclassifiable
Montgomery	Unclassifiable
Nevada	Unclassifiable
Newton	Unclassifiable
Ouachita	Unclassifiable
Perry	Unclassifiable
Phillips	Unclassifiable
Pike	Unclassifiable
Poinsett	Unclassifiable
Polk	Attainment
Pope	Unclassifiable
Prairie	Unclassifiable
Pulaski	Attainment
Randolph	Unclassifiable
St. Francis	Unclassifiable
Saline	Unclassifiable
Scott	Unclassifiable
Searcy	Unclassifiable
Sebastian	Unclassifiable
Sevier	Unclassifiable
Sharp	Unclassifiable
Stone	Unclassifiable
Union	Attainment
Van Buren	Unclassifiable
Washington	Attainment
White	Unclassifiable
Woodruff	Unclassifiable
Yell	Unclassifiable