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RE: 2013 Colorado Designations for Annual PM2.5 NAAQS

Dear Mr. McGrath:

Pursuant to the provisions of section 107(d)(1) of the Clean Air Act, the state of Colorado submits to the Environmental Protection Agency the attached area designations for the Annual PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS), as revised on December 14, 2012. Federal law requires that the state of Colorado submit the recommended designations for the revised Annual PM2.5 NAAQS to the EPA by December 12, 2013, and this letter provides the designations of "attainment" and "attainment/unclassifiable" as applicable for all air quality control regions (AQCRs) in Colorado.

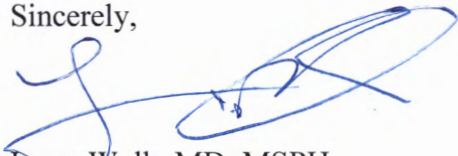
The enclosed table and map describes each AQCR and its designation along with an enclosed technical support document that provides supporting analysis. The technical support document makes a strong case that these designation recommendations are accurate and supportable for EPA approval. The attainment designation for six Colorado AQCRs (02, 03, 04, 07, 09 and 11) and attainment/unclassifiable designations for those areas with limited monitoring are based on actual air quality monitoring data for the 2010-2012 time periods. The attainment/unclassifiable designations for areas lacking representative monitoring are based on the state's estimation that Annual PM2.5 levels in these AQCRs are not out of compliance with the Annual PM2.5 NAAQS.

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The enclosed area classifications for the 2012 Annual PM2.5 NAAQS were approved by the Colorado Air Quality Control Commission following a public hearing held on October 17, 2013. If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact Mike Silverstein, Administrator for the Commission, at (303) 692-3478, or William Allison, Director of the Air Pollution Control Division, at (303) 692-3114.

Sincerely,

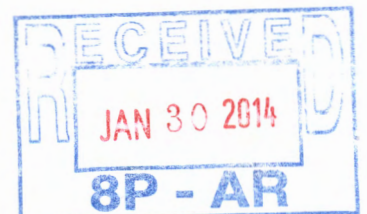


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cc: Mike Silverstein, Administrator AQCC
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Enclosures

- Colorado Designations for Annual 2012 PM2.5 NAAQS – Table and Map
- State of Colorado, Technical Support Document, For Recommended Annual PM2.5 Designations



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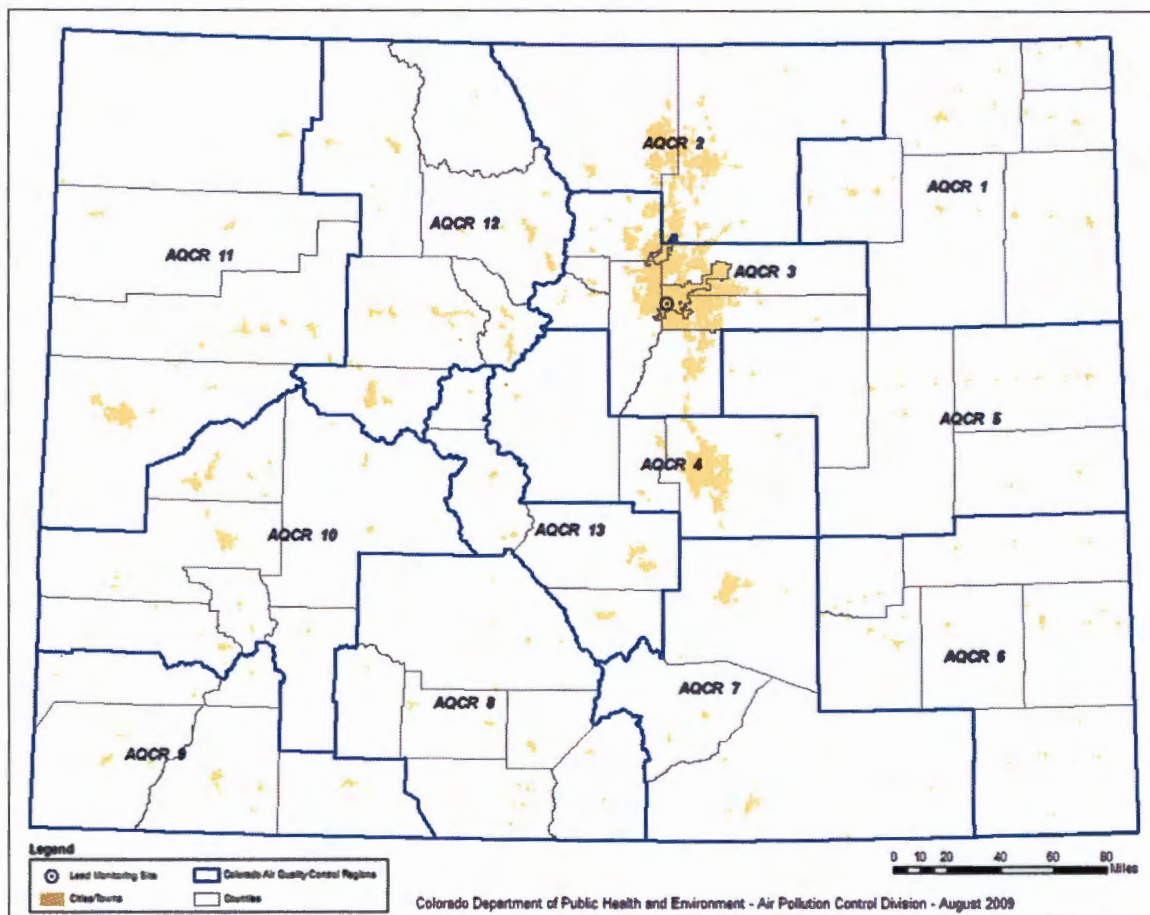
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Map of Air Quality Control Regions for Annual PM_{2.5} Designations in Colorado.

State of Colorado

Technical Support Document For 2012 Annual PM_{2.5} Standard Attainment In Colorado



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Colorado Analysis for Annual PM2.5 Attainment

Designation Recommendation

The State recommends that the entire state of Colorado be designated as attainment or attainment/unclassifiable for the 2012 revised Annual PM 2.5 standard. This recommendation is based on monitoring information that indicates the region is in compliance with the revised Annual PM2.5 standard.

Overview

On December 14, 2012, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) signed final rulemaking that revises the Primary Annual Particulate Matter (PM2.5) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). The PM2.5 level has been lowered to 12 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ annual mean, averaged over 3 years. States are required to submit area designations to EPA by December 12, 2013.

The Air Pollution Control Division (APCD) currently operates 16 PM2.5 monitors in Colorado, (8 sites in the Denver Metro Area, 3 sites in the North Front Range, 3 sites in the South Front Range, and 2 sites on the West Slope). All PM2.5 monitoring for the most recent 3-year period shows annual values well below the level of the NAAQS. Thus, the APCD is proposing that Colorado be designated as attainment/unclassifiable for the entire state (excluding tribal lands over which the APCD has no jurisdiction).

The EPA requires states base their designations on monitoring data results over a three year period for calendar years 2010 - 2012. Based on the 2010-2012 results, Colorado is in attainment of the new standard. The following analysis discusses air quality data as necessary to demonstrate that Colorado should be designated as attainment or attainment/unclassifiable for the new Annual PM2.5 NAAQS. It must also be noted that this attainment demonstration applies only to non-tribal lands over which the State of Colorado has direct air quality jurisdiction.

Air Quality Data

The air quality analysis looked at all known monitoring sites for the annual PM2.5 standard in Colorado for 2010 through 2012. A map of the 16 APCD PM2.5 monitoring sites is shown in Figure 1. Other, non-APCD sites are also shown in Figure 1.

Figure 2 presents long term trends for the APCD PM2.5 sites. It is evident that ambient annual PM2.5 levels have decreased over time. Much of this decrease is likely due to emissions reductions in vehicles and major stationary sources as well as local constraints on wood burning stoves.

The 3-year average Annual PM2.5 data for 2010 to 2012 are presented in Table 1.

Figure 1. Map of Colorado PM2.5 Ambient Air Monitoring Sites 2013.

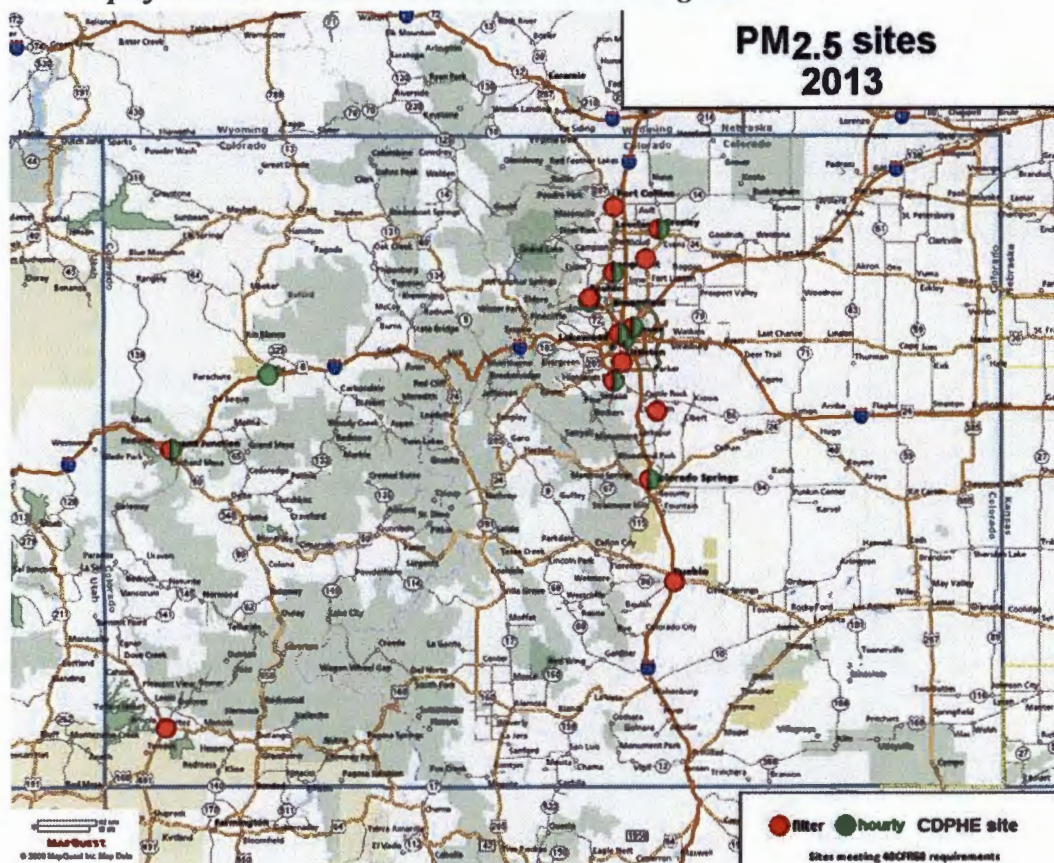


Figure 2. Colorado Annual PM2.5 Ambient Air Concentration Trends.

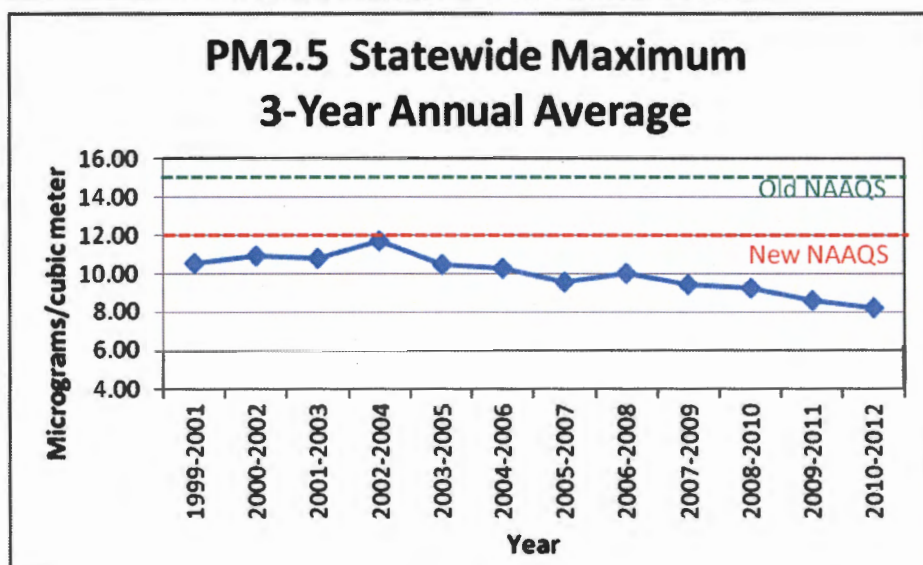


Table 1. Colorado 3 year average Annual PM2.5 Monitoring Data Summary.

Year	Statewide Maximum ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	Location
1999-2001	10.53	Adams City
2000-2002	10.93	Denver-CAMP
2001-2003	10.83	Denver-CAMP
2002-2004	11.71	Grand Jct-Powell
2003-2005	10.51	Grand Jct-Powell
2004-2006	10.29	Denver-Swansea
2005-2007	9.60	Commerce-Alsup
2006-2008	10.02	Commerce-Alsup
2007-2009	9.44	Grand Jct-Powell
2008-2010	9.28	Grand Jct-Powell
2009-2011	8.61	Grand Jct-Powell
2010-2012	8.21	Commerce-Alsup

Table 2. Denver-Boulder Area 3-year average Annual PM2.5 Monitoring Data Summary.

	Boulder Chamber	Denver CAMP	Denver Swansea	Denver DMAS	Chatfield	Adams City	Commerce Alsup	Arapahoe Comm. Coll.
Year	08-013-0012	08-031-0002	08-031-0023	08-031-0025	08-035-0004	08-001-0001	08-001-0006	08-005-0005
1999-2001	7.83	10.37				10.53		8.77
2000-2002	8.27	10.93						8.83
2001-2003	8.03	10.83					10.67	8.77
2002-2004	7.47	9.99					10.47	8.35
2003-2005	7.07	9.72					9.84	8.65
2004-2006	6.81	9.04	10.29		5.24		9.34	8.36
2005-2007	7.04	9.05	8.85		6.25		9.60	8.51
2006-2008	6.87	8.63	8.22		6.32		10.02	7.64
2007-2009	6.77	8.32	8.71	8.37	6.16		9.43	7.24
2008-2010	6.49	7.80	7.90	7.64	5.75		8.72	6.71
2009-2011	6.27	7.62	7.51	7.25	5.68		8.08	6.29
2010-2012	6.30	7.80	7.59	7.57			8.21	6.40

Table 3. North Front Range Area 3-year average Annual PM2.5 Monitoring Data Summary.

	Longmont	Ft Collins CSU	Greeley Hospital	Plateville
Year	08-013-0003	08-069-0009	08-123-0006	08-123-0008
1999-2001	9.20	8.10	8.67	9.23
2000-2002	9.50	8.20	9.10	9.57
2001-2003	9.37	7.87	9.03	9.60
2002-2004	8.92	7.56	8.51	8.82
2003-2005	8.52	7.32	8.15	8.49
2004-2006	8.14	7.32	8.08	8.61
2005-2007	8.25	7.42	8.36	9.29
2006-2008	8.19	7.31	8.36	9.30
2007-2009	7.96	7.13	8.24	8.68
2008-2010	7.37	6.64	7.61	7.79
2009-2011	6.92	6.32	7.26	7.50
2010-2012	6.89	6.57	7.35	7.80

Table 4. South Front Range Area 3-year average Annual PM2.5 Monitoring Data Summary.

Year	Colo Spg Meadow 08-041-0008	Colo Spg RBD 08-041-0011	Colo Spgs Colorado College 08-041-0017	Pueblo Public Works 08-101-0012	Pueblo Fountain Magnet School 08-101-0015	Elbert 08-039-0001
1999-2001	7.03	7.40		7.70		4.03
2000-2002	6.97	7.70		8.03		4.27
2001-2003	6.97	7.83		7.97		4.43
2002-2004	6.76	8.08		7.39		4.36
2003-2005	6.76	8.05		7.19		4.46
2004-2006	6.73	8.10		7.56		4.29
2005-2007		7.77		7.79		4.55
2006-2008		7.80		7.82		4.42
2007-2009				7.40		4.35
2008-2010			5.97			4.17
2009-2011			5.88		5.65	4.00
2010-2012			6.40		6.29	4.05

Table 5. Western Colorado 3-year average Annual PM2.5 Monitoring Data Summary.

Year	Mt Cr Butte Town Ctr 08-051-0005	Durango School 08-067-0008	Grand Jct MCHD 08-077-0003	Grand Jct Powell 08-077-0017	Cortez 08-083-0006	Telluride 08-113-0004
1999-2001	6.25	4.85	7.33			
2000-2002	6.50	5.23	7.73			5.80
2001-2003	6.93	5.70	7.83			5.67
2002-2004	6.64			11.71		5.05
2003-2005	6.34			10.51		4.82
2004-2006				9.51		8.55
2005-2007				9.20		
2006-2008				9.43		
2007-2009				9.44		
2008-2010				9.28	6.25	
2009-2011				8.61	6.29	
2010-2012				7.80	5.91	

Summary Conclusions

The data and analysis presented provide documentation and compelling evidence supporting a finding that Colorado should be designated as attainment or attainment/unclassifiable for the 2012 Annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS. It is important to note that only areas over which Colorado has direct air quality jurisdiction are included in this attainment attainment/unclassifiable finding and recommendation. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe, and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission, as well as the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe, are distinct nations or entities and consequently such Tribal lands are specifically excluded from this designation recommendation.

Table 6 provides a complete listing of the recommended designations, by area. Figure 3 provides a map of the Air Quality Control Regions for the Annual PM_{2.5} Designations in Colorado. These recommendations are based on monitoring information that indicates compliance with the revised standard.

Table 6. Recommended Annual PM_{2.5} Designations by Area for Colorado

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