



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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The Honorable Bill Richardson
Governor of New Mexico
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Dear Governor Richardson:

Thank you for your letter of December 22, 2003, forwarding the State of New Mexico's recommendations on air quality designations for the particulate matter 2.5 (PM 2.5) National Ambient Air Quality Standard.

Based on 2000-2002 ambient PM 2.5 data, you recommend attainment for the entire State of New Mexico. We will carefully review New Mexico's recommendation and work with both the New Mexico Environment Department and the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Air Quality Control Board, if questions arise, as we work to make our final designations.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (214) 665-2100, or have your staff call Mr. Thomas Diggs of my staff at (214) 665-7214.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard E. Greene".

Richard E. Greene
Regional Administrator

cc: Mr. Ron Curry, Secretary, NMED
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