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Mike Huckabee
Governor

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Mr. Richard Greene
Regional Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency-Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue
Dallas, TX 75202-2733

Dear Mr. Greene:

This letter provides your office with the State of Arkansas's recommended designations for the attainment status of Arkansas counties with regard to the National Primary and Secondary Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5}). These preliminary recommendations are based on three years (2000-2002) of quality assured air quality monitoring data that has been collected and provided by the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ).

Arkansas's regulatory PM_{2.5} monitoring network consists of twenty ambient air monitors that are located in 18 counties. Of these 20 sites, two (2) are demonstrating attainment for both the 24-hour average and annual average standards. The other 14 sites are currently unclassifiable for the aforementioned standards. Table 1, attached is a list of the Arkansas sites and the designations we are recommending at this time. All of these counties should be designated as "attainment/unclassifiable" as noted in the memorandum. This identifies these areas as "either meeting the standard or having insufficient data to determine air quality, and not contributing to nearby nonattainment."

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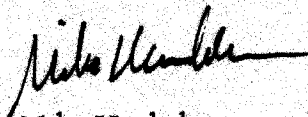
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The current schedule for the Environmental Protection Agency's final designations of PM_{2.5} will occur no sooner than December 15, 2004. ADEQ continues to maintain and operate the network and may submit a revised recommendation based on 2001-2003 data prior to that date.

Arkansas, "the Natural State", is committed to maintaining and improving its' air quality. Your consideration of these recommendations is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



Mike Huckabee

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cc: Marcus Devine, Director-Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
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Table 1 - Arkansas PM_{2.5} Monitor Network Designation Status as of CY 2003

Site ID	Site Name	County	Attainment/Unclassifiable	Nonattainment
05-001-0011	Stuttgart	Arkansas	X	---
05-003-0005	Crossett	Ashley	X	---
05-031-0001	Jonesboro	Craighead	X	---
05-035-0004	W. Memphis	Crittenden	X	---
05-045-0002	Conway	Faulkner	X	---
05-051-0002	Hot Springs	Garland	X	---
05-069-0006	Pine Bluff	Jefferson	X	---
05-089-0001	Toney Bend	Marion	X	---
05-091-0004	Texarkana	Miller	X	---
05-093-0007	Blytheville	Mississippi	X	---
05-107-0001	Helena	Phillips	X	---
05-113-0001	Mena	Polk	X	---
05-115-0003	Russellville	Pope	X	---
05-119-0007	Pike Avenue at River Road	Pulaski	X	---
05-119-1004	Bond Street	Pulaski	X	---
05-119-1008	Doyle Springs Road	Pulaski	X	---
05-131-0008	Ft. Smith	Sebastian	X	---
05-139-0006	El Dorado	Union	X	---
05-143-0003	Fayetteville	Washington	X	---
05-145-0001	Searcy	White	X	---