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**Mary Fallin**  
Governor

December 19, 2013

Ron Curry, Regional Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6  
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200  
Dallas, Texas 75202-2733

**SUBJECT: DESIGNATION RECOMMENDATION FOR 2012 FINE PARTICULATE MATTER NAAQS**

Dear Administrator Curry:

On December 14, 2012, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) revised primary annual fine particle (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) (78 FR 3086, January 15, 2013). In that action, the EPA revised the primary annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard, strengthening it from 15.0 micrograms per cubic meter ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) to 12.0  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ; retained the existing 24-hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard at 35  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ; retained the existing 24-hour PM<sub>10</sub> (coarse particle) standard at 150  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ; and retained the current suite of secondary PM standards. As required by section 107 (d) (1) (A) of the federal Clean Air Act (42 USC § 7407) and on behalf of the State of Oklahoma, I recommend that each of the 77 counties in Oklahoma be designated attainment/unclassifiable for the revised PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard.

This recommendation is based on an evaluation performed by the Department of Environmental Quality of certified PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitoring data from 2010 through 2012, as specified by the EPA guidance. All PM<sub>2.5</sub> regulatory monitors in the State of Oklahoma are monitoring attainment for the 2012 PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard. If you desire additional information, or you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Eddie Terrill at 405-702-4100.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Fallin".

Mary Fallin  
Governor

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