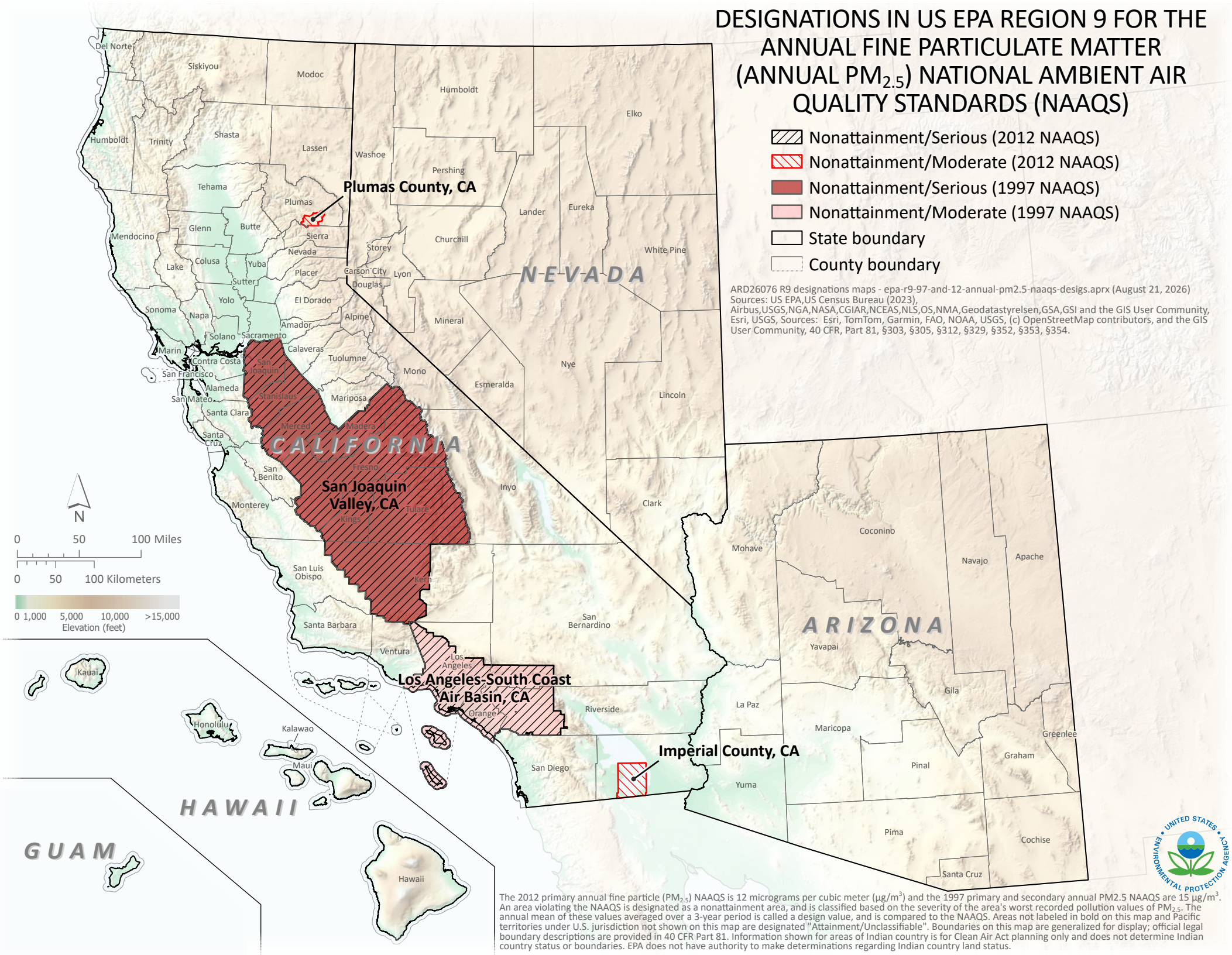


DESIGNATIONS IN US EPA REGION 9 FOR THE ANNUAL FINE PARTICULATE MATTER (ANNUAL PM_{2.5}) NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS (NAAQS)

-  Nonattainment/Serious (2012 NAAQS)
-  Nonattainment/Moderate (2012 NAAQS)
-  Nonattainment/Serious (1997 NAAQS)
-  Nonattainment/Moderate (1997 NAAQS)
-  State boundary
-  County boundary

ARD26076 R9 designations maps - epa-r9-97-and-12-annual-pm2.5-naaqs-designs.aprx (August 21, 2026)
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The 2012 primary annual fine particle (PM_{2.5}) NAAQS is 12 micrograms per cubic meter (µg/m³) and the 1997 primary and secondary annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS are 15 µg/m³. An area violating the NAAQS is designated as a nonattainment area, and is classified based on the severity of the area's worst recorded pollution values of PM_{2.5}. The annual mean of these values averaged over a 3-year period is called a design value, and is compared to the NAAQS. Areas not labeled in bold on this map and Pacific territories under U.S. jurisdiction not shown on this map are designated "Attainment/Unclassifiable". Boundaries on this map are generalized for display; official legal boundary descriptions are provided in 40 CFR Part 81. Information shown for areas of Indian country is for Clean Air Act planning only and does not determine Indian country status or boundaries. EPA does not have authority to make determinations regarding Indian country land status.

