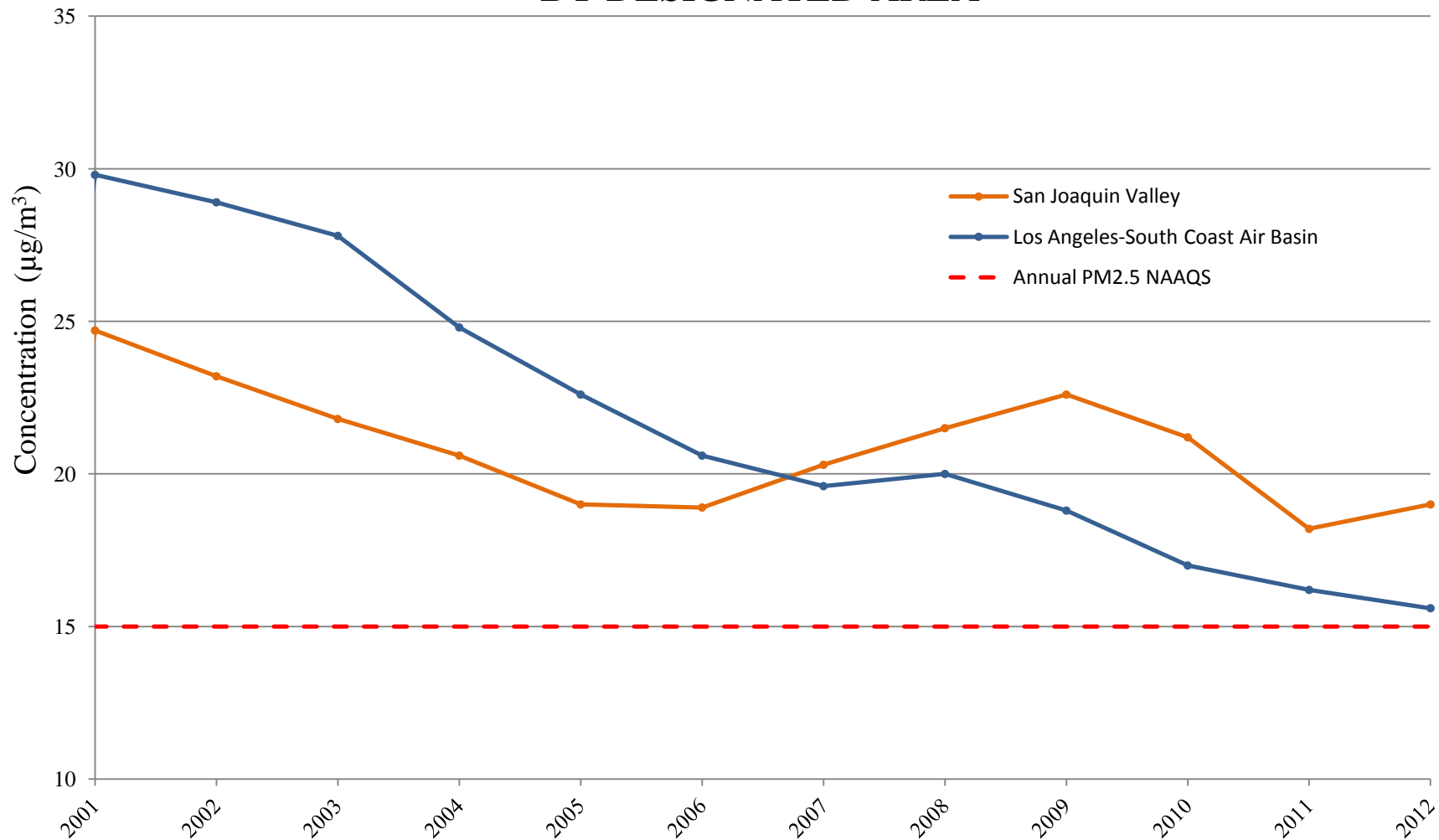


US EPA REGION 9 AIR QUALITY TRENDS, 2000-2012

2006 ANNUAL FINE PARTICULATE MATTER (PM_{2.5}) DESIGN VALUES BY DESIGNATED AREA



Source: US EPA's Air Quality Systems (AQS) database (July 11, 2012 and July 10, 2013; last updated August 9, 2013).

The 2006 national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) for annual fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) is 15.0 micrograms per cubic meter (µg/m³). The design value for annual PM_{2.5} is the three-year average of annual mean values. X-axis values represent the last year of a monitoring site's three year time period. All exceptional event data (e.g., high winds and wildfires) that EPA has concurred on have been excluded from design value calculations.