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January 24, 2025

W. Scott Mason IV
Regional Administrator
U.S. EPA, Region 6
1201 Elm St., Ste. 500
Mail Code: 6MM-A
Dallas, Texas 75270

Re: Revised 2024 PM_{2.5} National Ambient Air Quality Standard Attainment Designation Recommendation

Dear Administrator Mason:

On behalf of Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham of the State of New Mexico, I am submitting this letter to you pursuant to Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 107(d)(1) to fulfill the initial area designation recommendation that is required of all states within one year following a new or revised National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). On February 7, 2024, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency promulgated a revised primary annual NAAQS for particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 2.5 micrometers or less in size (PM_{2.5}) that reduced the standard from 12.0 µg/m³ to 9.0 µg/m³ (89 FR 16202, March 6, 2024).

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) evaluated 2021 through 2023 ambient monitoring data with respect to the revised PM_{2.5} NAAQS and finds that all counties within its jurisdiction are in attainment or unclassifiable. Please accept this attainment designation recommendation to meet CAA Section 107(d)(1)(A)(ii) and (iii). I recommend for all areas within New Mexico to be classified as attainment/unclassifiable of the revised PM_{2.5} NAAQS within the jurisdiction of NMED.

If your staff have any questions regarding this petition, please contact Cindy Hollenberg, Air Quality Bureau Chief, at Cindy.Hollenber@env.nm.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James C. Kenney".

James C. Kenney
Cabinet Secretary

cc: Cindy Hollenberg, Air Quality Bureau Chief, NMED