State of New Mexico

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Mr. Richard Greene, Mayor
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
Dallas, TX 75202-2733

SUBJECT: PM 2.5 Designation Recommendation for Bernalillo County, New Mexico

Dear Mayor Greene,

This letter is submitted to fulfill Bernalillo County's requirements under Section 107 (d)(1) of The Clean Air Act. The Clean Air Act requires all state governors to submit initial designations within one year of the promulgation of a new or revised National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). Since the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency promulgated a revised NAAQS for particulate matter 2.5 microns in size or less (PM 2.5) on December 18, 2006, a letter recommending initial designations is due by December 18, 2007.

The City of Albuquerque Air Quality Division (AQD) evaluated ambient monitoring data from 2004 through 2006 with respect to the revised PM 2.5 NAAQS, and found that all areas of Bernalillo County, New Mexico under the jurisdiction of the City of Albuquerque Air Quality Division, as the agent for the Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Air Quality Control Board, are in compliance with the revised PM 2.5 NAAQS. With regard to the revised PM 2.5 NAAQS, I recommend attainment status for all areas of Bernalillo County, New Mexico within the jurisdiction of the City of Albuquerque Air Quality Division.

Sincerely,

Bill Richardson

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cc: Mr. Ron Curry, Secretary, New Mexico Environment Department
Ms. Mary Uhl, Chief, Air Quality Bureau, NM Environment Department
Mr. Alfredo Santistevan, Director, Albuquerque Environmental Health Department
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