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Mr. Neal Butt
Air Quality Division- City of Albuquerque
P.O. Box 1293
Albuquerque, NM 87103

Re: Proposed Amendment to 20.11.46 NMAC, Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) Emissions Inventory Requirements; Western Backstop SO₂ Trading Program

Dear Mr. Butt:

The EPA appreciates the opportunity to comment on revisions to 20.11.46 NMAC (*SO₂ Emissions Inventory Requirements; Western Backstop SO₂ Trading Program*) that have been proposed by the City of Albuquerque Air Quality Division (AQD).

In our comments dated December 20, 2010, we conveyed that our only concern regarding the AQD's proposed revisions to the *Western Backstop SO₂ Trading Program* rules was regarding revisions to the *Special Penalty Provisions for the 2018 Milestone*, found at NMAC 20.11.46.20. In our comments dated February 22, 2011, we followed up by communicating to you that after consultation with EPA Region 8 staff, we found the AQD's proposed revisions to the *Special Penalty Provisions for the 2018 Milestone*, found at NMAC 20.11.46.20, to be acceptable. We have no further comments regarding the AQD's proposed revisions to the *Western Backstop SO₂ Trading Program* rules found at 20.11.46 NMAC.

Region 6 continues to offer the City of Albuquerque our support during the rule revision process. Please let us know how we may be of further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Guy Donaldson
Chief
Air Planning Section

