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OKLAHOMA
Area Designations for the
2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards

The table below identifies the areas and associated counties or parts of counties in Oklahoma that EPA intends to designate as nonattainment for the 2008 ozone national ambient air quality standards (2008 NAAQS). In accordance with section 107(d) of the Clean Air Act, EPA must designate an area “nonattainment” if it is violating the 2008 ozone NAAQS or if it is contributing to a violation of the 2008 ozone NAAQS in a nearby area. The technical analyses supporting the boundaries for the individual nonattainment areas are provided below.

Intended Nonattainment Areas in Oklahoma

Area	Oklahoma’s Recommended Nonattainment Counties	EPA’s Intended Nonattainment Counties
None	None	None

Governor Henry submitted an ozone designation recommendation letter to Acting Regional Administrator Starfield on March 9, 2009, recommending no counties be designated nonattainment for the 2008 ozone NAAQS, based on data for the period from 2006 – 2008. An updated recommendation letter, based on monitoring data from 2008 – 2010, was submitted to Regional Administrator Armendariz by Governor Fallin on October 11, 2011. This letter recommended that all counties in Oklahoma be designated as “attainment” for the 2008 ozone NAAQS.

EPA also received an ozone designation recommendation letter from Cherokee Nation Environmental Programs Administrator Tom Elkins on February 13, 2009. Administrator Elkins did not make a recommendation, but instead reported that the Cherokee Nation is in attainment with the 2008 ozone NAAQS.

EPA intends to designate all counties and tribal territories in Oklahoma as “unclassifiable/attainment” for the 2008 ozone NAAQS. There are no ambient air quality monitors within the state of Oklahoma with design values that indicate a violation of the 2008 ozone NAAQS, and there are no nonattainment areas or intended nonattainment areas that border the state of Oklahoma. The nearest nonattainment areas are Dallas-Fort Worth in Texas and Denver in Colorado.