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Lawrence E. Starfield, Acting Regional Administrator (6RA)  
United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6  
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200  
Dallas, TX 75202-2733

Dear Mr. Starfield,

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 107(d)(1)(A) of the federal Clean Air Acts, I am providing the enclosed recommendations for designation of areas in Arkansas with regard to the revised National Ambient Air Quality Standard for eight-hour ozone. The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) developed these recommendations based on currently available ozone monitoring data for all areas in Arkansas from the 2006 through the 2008 period.

The recommendation of nonattainment for Crittenden County is based on monitor data and the county's inclusion in the Memphis, TN/AR Nonattainment Area. The Design Value for Crittenden County is 0.082 ppm.

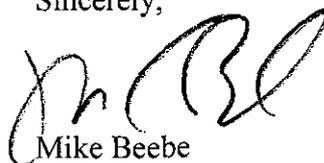
The recommendation of nonattainment for Pulaski County is based on monitor data. The Design Value for Pulaski County is 0.080 ppm. The analysis contained in the enclosed Report on Arkansas Designations for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards: Nine Factor Analysis demonstrates why Arkansas is not recommending the inclusion of additional counties within the Little Rock-North Little Rock Metropolitan Statistical Area.

The Department understands that, when making final designations, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) may use the most recent three years of ambient monitoring data as the basis for designations. Data for 2009 may be available for the EPA's consideration prior to its making final designations. In the event that the situation merits it, I may submit revised recommendations for Arkansas counties.

If you have questions regarding this submittal, please contact Mike Bates, Chief –

Air Division, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72218-5317, (501) 682-0750. We look forward to your prompt review of these designation recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Beebe". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Mike Beebe

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cc: Teresa Marks, Director - ADEQ

Mike Bates, Air Division Chief - ADEQ

Guy Donaldson, Air Planning Section Chief - EPA - Region 6

Enclosures

**Arkansas Eight-hour Ozone National Ambient Air  
Quality Standard Designation Recommendations by Air Quality Control Region and  
County**

Designated area	Date <sup>1</sup>	Designation
		Type
AQCR 016 Central Arkansas Intrastate:		
Chicot County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Clark County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Cleveland County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Conway County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Dallas County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Desha County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Drew County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Faulkner County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Garland County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Grant County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Hot Spring County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Jefferson County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Lincoln County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Lonoke County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Perry County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Pope County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Pulaski County		Nonattainment
Saline County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Yell County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
AQCR 017 Metropolitan Fort Smith Interstate:		
Benton County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Crawford County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Sebastian County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Washington County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
AQCR 019 Monroe-El Dorado Interstate:		
Ashley County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Bradley County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Calhoun County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Nevada County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Ouachita County		Unclassifiable/Attainment

Designated area	Designation	
	Date <sup>1</sup>	Type
Union County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
AQCR 020 Northeast Arkansas Intrastate:		
Arkansas County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Clay County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Craighead County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Cross County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Greene County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Independence County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Jackson County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Lawrence County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Lee County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Mississippi County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Monroe County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Phillips County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Poinsett County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Prairie County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Randolph County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
St. Francis County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Sharp County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
White County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Woodruff County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
AQCR 021 Northwest Arkansas Intrastate:		
Baxter County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Boone County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Carroll County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Cleburne County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Franklin County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Fulton County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Izard County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Johnson County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Logan County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Madison County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Marion County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Montgomery County		Unclassifiable/Attainment

Designated area	Designation	
	Date <sup>1</sup>	Type
Newton County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Pike County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Polk County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Scott County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Searcy County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Stone County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Van Buren County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
AQCR 022 Shreveport-Texarkana-Tyler Interstate:		
Columbia County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Hempstead County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Howard County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Lafayette County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Little River County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Miller County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
Sevier County		Unclassifiable/Attainment
AQCR 018 Metropolitan Memphis Interstate:		
Crittenden County		Nonattainment

<sup>1</sup> This date will be determined after the designation process has been completed.