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Office of the Governor
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The Honorable Dr. Alfredo Armendariz
Regional Administrator
EPA Region VI
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Dear Dr. Armendariz:

Pursuant to §107(d) (1) of the Clean Air Act, I would like to take this opportunity to provide my thoughts on Oklahoma's attainment/nonattainment classifications and boundaries for the current National Ambient Air Quality Standard of .075 ppm for ozone.

As you are aware, the most recent certified monitored air quality data collected by the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ") at 15 statewide sites over the three-year period of 2008 through 2010 indicate no violations of the current standard.

It is therefore my recommendation that during this round of EPA designations all counties of Oklahoma be classified as being in attainment with the standard.

I am aware that a new, more stringent standard, possibly resulting in areas of Oklahoma being designated as nonattainment, may be proposed in 2013. Be assured that during the upcoming year, the DEQ will be committed to working with our metropolitan planning organizations in continuing and improving longstanding proactive programs to notify the public of health concerns and to reduce the production of ozone.

I sincerely appreciate your consideration of this important matter. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mr. Steve Thompson, DEQ Executive Director, at (405) 702-7161, or Mr. Eddie Terrill, Director of the DEQ Air Quality Division, at (405) 702-4100.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Fallin".

Mary Fallin
Governor

cc: Gary Sherrer, Oklahoma Secretary of the Environment
Steven Thompson, Executive Director, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality
Eddie Terrill, Director, Air Quality Division, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality

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