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RESOLUTION OPPOSITION WITH REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AND CALL FOR CONGRESSIONAL INTERVENTION IN THE MATTER OF WISE COUNTY, TEXAS BEING DESIGNATED AS MEMBER OF DALLAS-FORT WORTH (DFW) AREA NAAQS 2012 EIGHT HOUR OZONE NONATTAINMENT AREA.

Director Jackson:

On behalf of the Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. Chico Quarry, Wise County, Texas, please accept this letter as official notice of request for re-review and reconsideration of your Conclusion Decision to add Wise County to the Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) Area nonattainment designation.

On October 31, 2011, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) recommended to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), with supporting technical documentation, that Wise County should not be designated as part of the DFW non-attainment area. From October 2011 through February 2012, and during the EPA designated public comment period, Wise County and the TCEQ presented the EPA with additional supporting documentation which clearly demonstrated that the EPA’s assessment of its own emission and meteorological factors were either ignored, incorrect, and/or did not include revised TCEQ scientific and monitoring data.

On May 1, 2012, the EPA announced that Wise County, Texas, is to be designated as an addition to the present nine (9) county DFW Area list of designated nonattainment of the 2008 eight-hour ozone standard.

A nonattainment designation would impose significant unwarranted economic consequences on the citizens and businesses of Wise County, and the EPA has not provided Wise County officials or the TCEQ sufficient justification to support its conclusive decision to add Wise County to the designated nonattainment area of DFW.
Respectfully Submitted,

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