

US EPA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT

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

As indicated in the table below, EPA is designating no counties or portions of counties within Oklahoma as nonattainment for the 2008 ozone national ambient air quality standards (2008 ozone 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.

**Designated Nonattainment Areas in Oklahoma**

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

**State and Tribal Government Recommendations**

Governor Henry submitted an ozone designation recommendation letter to then Acting Regional Administrator, Larry Starfield, on March 9, 2009, recommending that no counties be designated nonattainment for the 2008 ozone NAAQS, based on certified data for the period from 2006 – 2008. An updated recommendation letter, based on certified monitoring data from 2008 – 2010, was submitted to our current Regional Administrator, Al 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.

In addition to the recommendation letters received from the state of Oklahoma, EPA also received an ozone designation recommendation letter from the 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.

**Conclusions**

Upon evaluation of the recommendation letters received from the State of Oklahoma and the Cherokee Nation, as well as the most recent certified air quality monitoring data, EPA is designating all counties and areas of Indian country 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 the Dallas-Fort Worth area in Texas and the Denver-Boulder-Greeley-Ft Collins-Loveland area in Colorado.