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Mr. Richard Greene
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
Dallas, Texas 75202-2733

Dear Administrator Greene:

Pursuant to the requirements in Section 107(d) of the Clean Air Act and the June 17, 2003, letter from your office, enclosed is the initial recommendation for designation of areas in the State of Texas with regard to the fine particle (also known as PM 2.5) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS).

This recommendation was developed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), taking into consideration the currently available eligible air quality monitoring data for all areas in Texas including the period 2000-2002. Considering this information, I am pleased to report that all areas of Texas comply with the fine particle NAAQS, and my recommendation is that all Texas counties be designated attainment.

It is our understanding that EPA plans to finalize the fine particle designations in December 2004, based on the most recent monitoring data, including 2003 data. TCEQ is continuing quality validation and assessment of the 2003 data. If new data should indicate that a revision of this recommendation is appropriate, I will advise you of such as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or wish to arrange a meeting with TCEQ, please feel free to contact Ms. Kathleen Harnett White, TCEQ Chairman at 512/239-5510.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Perry". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rick Perry
Governor

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Enclosure

cc: Ms. Kathleen Hartnett White, Chairman, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

State of Texas
Fine Particle (PM 2.5) Designation Recommendation
Attainment Counties

All of State

Attainment