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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

Mr. Larry E. Starfield
Acting Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue
Dallas, TX 75202-2711

Dear Mr. Starfield:

This letter is submitted to fulfill New Mexico's requirements under Section 107 (d)(1) of the Clean Air Act. The Clean Air Act requires all state governors to submit initial designations within one year of the promulgation of a new or revised National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). In November of 2008, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency promulgated a revised NAAQS for lead.

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has determined that there are no sources that emit one ton per year or greater of lead in New Mexico within the jurisdiction of NMED (all of New Mexico except for Bernalillo County and tribal lands). I recommend attainment status of the lead NAAQS for all areas of New Mexico within the jurisdiction of NMED.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Richardson".

Bill Richardson
Governor of New Mexico

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- cc: Mr. Ron Curry, Secretary, New Mexico Environment Department
- Ms. Mary Uhl, Chief, Air Quality Bureau
- Mr. Jim Norton, Director, Environmental Protection Division
- Mr. Alfredo Santistevan, Director, Environmental Health Dept. City of Albuquerque