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Dr. Alfredo Armendariz, Regional Administrator
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Subject: Designation Recommendation for 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide NAAQS

Dear Dr. Armendariz:

On January 22, 2010, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) promulgated a new health-based National Ambient Air Quality Standard for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂). The final rule, published in the Federal Register on February 9, 2010 (75 FR 6474), set a new 1-hour NO₂ NAAQS of 100 parts per billion (ppb). As required by Section 107 (d)(1)(A) of the federal Clean Air Act, I would like to provide for EPA's consideration my recommendations for Oklahoma's initial designations under the new NO₂ standard.

This recommendation is based on an evaluation performed by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) of monitoring data collected in Oklahoma from 2008 through 2010 as specified in 40 CFR § 50.11 and in EPA guidance. Monitored data collected in Oklahoma indicates no violations of the new 1-hour NO₂ standard. As the new near-road monitoring network requirements associated with the revised NO₂ NAAQS are not effective until January 2013, I recommend a designation of attainment for all counties in Oklahoma.

Sincerely,

Brad Henry
Governor

Cc: J.D. Strong, Secretary of the Environment
Steven Thompson, Executive Director, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality
Eddie Terrill, Director of Air Quality