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Subject: Certification of SIP Elements for the 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS under Clean Air Act Sections 110(a)(1)-(2)

Dear Dr. Armendariz:

In a letter dated March 30, 2011, Governor Mary Fallin appointed me as her designee for the purpose of submitting documents to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval and incorporation into the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the State of Oklahoma.

Section 110(a)(1) and (2) of the Clean Air Act required that states review and revise as necessary their SIP following EPA's 2006 promulgation of a revised 24-hour PM_{2.5} National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). EPA issued the "Guidance on SIP Elements Required Under Sections 110(a)(1) and (2) for the 2006 24-hour Fine Particle (PM_{2.5}) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)" on September 25, 2009. Under this guidance, states may certify that their existing SIPs meet the "infrastructure" elements of Section 110(a)(2), rather than submitting a revised SIP for the PM_{2.5} NAAQS.

Oklahoma's SIP is codified in 40 CFR Part 52, Subpart LL. As indicated in the enclosed table titled "Oklahoma's State Implementation Plan (SIP) Submittal 'Infrastructure' Checklist," Oklahoma's SIP meets the infrastructure obligations for the 2006 24-Hour PM_{2.5} standard. It is our understanding that the final results of EPA's review of this submittal will be determined through rulemaking and will be published in the Federal Register.


This letter and its supporting documentation do not address section 110(a)(2)(I), which pertains to the nonattainment planning requirements of Title I, Part D of the Clean Air Act and is not governed by the three year SIP submission deadline under section 110(a)(1), because Oklahoma currently has no PM_{2.5} nonattainment areas and no nonattainment plans are due.

Dr. Alfredo Armendariz

Note that this submittal also does not address the 1997 PM_{2.5} NAAQS, which was addressed in a separate, previous submittal.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Eddie Terrill, Director, Air Quality Division, Department of Environmental Quality at (405) 702-4154.

Sincerely


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