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Mr. Ron Curry, Regional Administrator (6RA) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region VI 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200 Dallas, TX 75202-2733

Subject:

Certification of SIP Elements for the 2008 Pb NAAQS under Clean Air Act

Sections 110(a)(1)-(2)

Dear Mr. Curry:

In a letter to your predecessor 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. The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is given the primary responsibility and authority to prepare and implement the state's air quality management plan under Oklahoma Statutes.

Section 110(a)(1) and (2) of the Clean Air Act requires that each state review and revise as necessary its SIP following EPA's 2008 promulgation of a revised Lead (Pb) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). EPA issued the "Guidance on Infrastructure State Implementation Plan (SIP) Elements Required Under Sections 110(a)(1) and 110(a)(2) for the 2008 Lead (Pb) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)" ("Pb Infrastructure SIP Guidance") on October 14, 2011. 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 Pb 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 2008 Pb standard. State public participation procedures for such SIP submittals were submitted to EPA for review under 40 CFR §51.102. In a letter dated 8/23/12, EPA concurred that they are consistent with the requirements of 40 CFR §51.102 and associated guidance. Public notice for this submittal was posted on DEQ's web site on August 31, 2012, to allow the opportunity to provide comments and to request a public hearing scheduled for October 4, 2012 at DEQ's offices. No hearing requests were received during the comment period (9/1/2012 – 10/1/2012). Therefore, a notice of hearing cancellation was posted on 10/2/12. No comments were received during the comment period; therefore no Response to Comments document was prepared. Attached is documentation of this public notice and submittal process. 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. Note that 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 Pb nonattainment areas and no nonattainment plans are due.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Eddie Terrill, Director, Air Quality Division, Department of Environmental Quality at (405) 702-4100.

Sincerely,

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Secretary of Environment

Enclosures

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