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Ms. Theresa Pella  
Air Quality Planning Section Manager (MC 206)  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
P.O. Box 13087  
Austin, TX 78711-3087

Dear Ms. Pella:

On behalf of the El Paso District of the Texas Department of Transportation, I would like to express our support for the proposed Natural Events Action Plan for particulate matter, 10 microns or less ( $PM_{10}$ ), related to exceedances caused by natural events in the El Paso area. We feel that this plan is a pragmatic approach to air quality issues in this area. Please let us know how we may support this undertaking.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Eduardo Calvo, Supervisor, Advance Transportation Planning, at 915/790-4322, or via e-mail at [ecalvo@dot.state.tx.us](mailto:ecalvo@dot.state.tx.us).

Sincerely,

Charles H. Berry, Jr., P.E.  
District Engineer



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**HEADQUARTERS, U. S. ARMY GARRISON COMMAND**  
**1733 PLEASANTON ROAD**  
**FORT BLISS, TEXAS 79916-6816**

August 24, 2006

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

Directorate of Environment

Ms. Theresa Pella  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
Air Quality Planning Section, MC 206  
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

Dear Ms. Pella:

In regards to the creation of a Natural Events Action Plan for El Paso County, Fort Bliss supports the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's NEAP. Fort Bliss has supported the New Mexico Department of Environment's NEAP. The operation tempo of training activities has increased, thereby resulting in increased particulate emissions. Fort Bliss has taken a proactive approach to control and minimize fugitive dust emissions. Dust reductions measures like the use of dust suppressants and restricting speed limits have managed and minimized these emissions into the air shed.

By ameliorating the effects on the local air shed from anthropogenic sources, Fort Bliss has a significant beneficial impact on the air quality in El Paso County, as well as Otero and Doña Ana Counties, New Mexico.

The purpose of the NEAP is to exempt El Paso County from exceedence of the particulate matter standard during high wind events. The plan will help the county work toward re-designation. Fort Bliss encourages and supports the implementation of the NEAP as a benefit to Fort Bliss and its mission.

If your office has any questions or concerns regarding the issue, please contact Mr. Jesus D. Moncada, Directorate of Environment, Air Program Manager at (915) 568-1838 or [jesus.d.moncada@us.army.mil](mailto:jesus.d.moncada@us.army.mil).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Landreth", written over a white background.

Keith Landreth  
Director  
Directorate of Environment

cc: Elza Cushing, Chief, Compliance Division, Directorate of Environment  
Jesus D. Moncada, Air Program Manager, Directorate of Environment

JOHN COOK  
MAYOR



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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
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Theresa Pella  
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P. O. Box 13087  
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

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Dear Ms. Pella,

The City of El Paso is committed to addressing air quality challenges in the El Paso area. To this end, we would like to offer you any assistance you may need in developing a Natural Events Action Plan to help address particulate matter (PM) exceedances caused by uncontrollable natural events in the El Paso area.

We understand that for this project, the TCEQ is working closely with the Joint Action Committee (JAC), a binominal committee made up of private citizens, private sector representatives, university officials, federal, state, and local government officials, and non-governmental environmental and public health organizations. The JAC serves as the local community-based organization overseeing the process to achieve cleaner air for the Paso del Norte region.

The EPA Natural Events Policy offers guidance to the States for developing a NEAP. In areas such as El Paso where PM can be attributed to high winds, the EPA guidance recommends that States seek input and support from local entities. By way of this letter, we would like to express our support of this effort.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information. I may be contacted at 915-541-4844.

City of El Paso

  
Joyce Wilson  
City Manager

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RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is developing a Natural Events Action Plan (NEAP) to help address particulate matter (PM) exceedances caused by uncontrollable natural events in the El Paso area; and,

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WHEREAS, the EPA Natural Events Policy offers guidance to the States for developing a NEAP and in areas such as El Paso where PM can be attributed to high winds, the EPA guidance recommends that States seek input and support from local entities; and,

WHEREAS, in the development of the NEAP, the TCEQ is working closely with the Joint Action Committee (JAC), a binominal committee made up of private citizens, private sector representatives, university officials, federal, state, and local government officials, and non-governmental environmental and public health organizations in this area; and,

WHEREAS, the City finds that it is in the best interest of the City that NEAP take into consideration the impact that uncontrolled natural events have on the PM readings for the El Paso area,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS:

That the City of El Paso supports the NEAP approach and supports the City inclusion in the NEAP and authorizes the City Manager to send the attached letter to the TCEQ.

ADOPTED THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF September 2006.

CITY OF EL PASO  
  
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John Cook  
Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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Richarda Duffy Momsen  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
  
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Lupe Cuellar  
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:  
  
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Ellen Smyth, Director  
Environmental Services Department