



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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APR 28 2010

The Honorable Rick Perry  
Governor of Texas  
Post Office Box 12428  
Austin, TX 78711

Dear Governor Perry:

Thank you for your February 4, 2010, recommendation on the designation for fine particulate matter (PM2.5) in the Houston area. We have reviewed the recommendation and the technical information submitted to support it, including the most recent complete, quality assured, certified air quality data for Harris County, Texas. Based on these 2007-2009 monitoring data, the PM2.5 monitors in Harris County are attaining the 1997 annual PM2.5 standard. Therefore, EPA, consistent with your recommendation, intends to retain the "unclassifiable/attainment" designation. You have 60 days from your receipt of this letter to provide additional comments on our intended designation, should you deem them necessary. We intend to finalize this decision in August 2010.

If you have any questions, please call me at (214) 665-2100, or your staff may call Mr. Joe Kordzi of my staff at (214) 665-7186.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Al Armendariz".

Al Armendariz  
Regional Administrator

cc: Bryan W. Shaw, Ph.D., Chairman  
Texas Commission on  
Environmental Quality