

## APPENDIX C

EPA Letter Approving the El Paso Modeling Protocol



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Mr. Jim Smith  
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Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for your letter dated February 17, 2005, in which you submitted a protocol for the El Paso Carbon Monoxide (CO) Hot Spot Analysis. This protocol's purpose is to outline the hot-spot modeling analysis to be developed in support of the carbon monoxide redesignation of El Paso. This analysis will focus on an intersection near the Bridge of the Americas international border crossing to ensure future attainment and maintenance of the 1-hour and 8-hour CO National Ambient Air Quality and Standard. Based on our review of your protocol, we find that the described approaches which will be taken are consistent with approaches recommended by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency guidance and we have no comments to offer.

Again, we would like to express our appreciation in receiving the protocol and the opportunity to work with you and your staff. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Quang Nguyen of my staff at (214) 665-7238.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas H. Diggs".

Thomas H. Diggs  
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