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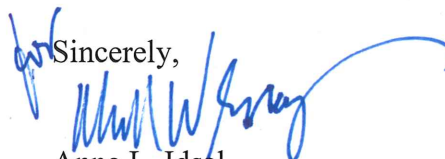
The Honorable Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas
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Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Governor Abbott:

This letter is to follow-up on the December 22, 2017, letter from then Deputy Regional Administrator Samuel Coleman that responded to Texas's area designation recommendations for the 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone. In that letter, the Environmental Protection Agency announced its intended area designations for the remaining areas in Texas except the eight counties that comprise the San Antonio metro area.

On September 30, 2016, you submitted recommended designations for areas in Texas for the 2015 ozone NAAQS, including all counties in the San Antonio area. On September 27, 2017, you submitted another letter urging the EPA to allow Texas more time to provide additional information for areas that were not previously designated as nonattainment for the 2008 ozone NAAQS, such as the San Antonio area, to support a different designation. However, it was unclear whether you intended the September 27, 2017, letter to serve as an actual revision to the September 30, 2016, recommended designations for the counties in the San Antonio area. Accordingly, please submit any additional information you would like the EPA to consider in designating the San Antonio area, including any revised designation recommendation, to the EPA by February 28, 2018. We look forward to receiving this additional information and intend to work closely with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to determine an appropriate designation for this area. The information may be emailed the EPA's rulemaking docket for the ozone designations, EPA-HQ-OAR-2017-0548, at A-and-R-docket@epa.gov. We request that you also send a copy to EPA Region 6.

Thank you for your attention to and interest in this matter. If you have further questions or concerns, please contact me or your staff may contact Troy Lyons, Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, at lyons.troy@epa.gov or at (202) 564-5200.

Sincerely,

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Regional Administrator