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OFFICE OF THE  
REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

The Honorable Jan Brewer  
Governor of Arizona  
1700 West Washington  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Governor Brewer:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to redesignate a portion of Pinal County as "nonattainment" for the 1987 24-hour coarse particle (PM<sub>10</sub>) national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS).

On October 14, 2009, my predecessor, Laura Yoshii, sent you a letter informing you that, based on continuing violations of the PM<sub>10</sub> NAAQS in Pinal County, EPA had determined that a revised designation for the 1987 24-hour PM<sub>10</sub> NAAQS would be necessary. Thank you for your March 23, 2010 letter, in which you provided a recommended nonattainment area boundary for the 1987 24-hour PM<sub>10</sub> NAAQS. We have completed our evaluation and intend to redesignate a portion of Pinal County "nonattainment," as described in the enclosed detailed analysis. We propose to retain the current designations for the remaining State lands in Pinal County.

A notice inviting public comment on our proposal will be published in the Federal Register in the near future. I have enclosed a pre-publication copy with this letter. Should you have additional information that you wish to be considered by EPA in this process, please provide it to us by the end of the comment period. We intend to make final designation decisions for the 1987 24-hour PM<sub>10</sub> NAAQS for areas addressed in the current proposal before the end of 2010.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff to develop area designations. After we finalize our redesignation for the PM<sub>10</sub> NAAQS for this area, EPA will work with your staff to develop an appropriate State Implementation Plan to assure the public health protections intended by the standard. Your air quality staff may wish to contact Deborah Jordan, Air Division Director at 415-947-8715 or Colleen McKaughan, Associate Air Division Director at 520-498-0118.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jared Blumenfeld".

Jared Blumenfeld  
Regional Administrator

Enclosures

cc: See next page

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