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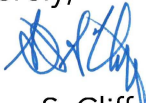
Dear Administrator Guzman:

The California Air Resources Board is requesting that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator extend for one additional year the attainment date for the 1997 15 µg/m<sup>3</sup> annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> national ambient air quality standard for the San Joaquin Valley from December 31, 2023, to December 31, 2024. The Clean Air Act allows for this request if a nonattainment area has a clean year and the state has complied with state implementation plan commitments for the area.

The California Air Resources Board certified PM<sub>2.5</sub> air quality data in the San Joaquin Valley in a letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on May 2, 2024 (copy enclosed). Certified 2023 air quality data in the San Joaquin Valley show that all of the PM<sub>2.5</sub> annual averages are at or below 13.6 µg/m<sup>3</sup>, below the 15 µg/m<sup>3</sup> annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard. The enclosed letter from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District to CARB on May 14, 2024 demonstrates that they have certified their data and met previous state implementation plan commitments for the 15 µg/m<sup>3</sup> annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard. Further, the enclosed *Documentation of CARB Having Met Previous State Implementation Plan Obligations for the 15 µg/m<sup>3</sup> PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS* shows that the California Air Resources Board has met our commitments for the 15 µg/m<sup>3</sup> annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard. With the requirements for a clean year and the State meeting our commitments satisfied, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator can grant a one-year extension of the attainment date for the 15 µg/m<sup>3</sup> annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard in the San Joaquin Valley to December 31, 2024.

The California Air Resources Board requests that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency propose action on this request before June 30, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact Edie Chang, Deputy Executive Officer, at (916) 445-4383, or have your staff contact Michael Benjamin, Chief, Air Quality Planning and Science Division, at (916) 201-8968.

Sincerely,



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