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Subject: Re: San Antonio NAAQS determination

Received, thank you. I will respect the embargo until 10 a.m. CST.

On Wed, Jul 18, 2018 at 8:01 AM, Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov> wrote:

Brendan,

Embargoed until 10:00 AM CST: The ozone designations for the 8 counties around San Antonio were signed and finalized yesterday. Attached you'll find the Federal Register notice for San Antonio's final ozone designation. Please see our press release going out later today: <http://createsend.com/t/d-BDCEC335A60D1C142540EF23F30FEDED>. The embargo will give you time to publish/post a story before we send out the press release. Please let me know if you need anything else or have any questions. Thanks!

“We look forward to supporting Texas as they work to improve air quality and foster economic opportunity,” said Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler. **“Information provided by the state indicates that the San Antonio area is on the path toward attainment, and we expect Bexar County will be able to demonstrate that it meets the standard well in advance of the attainment date in 2021. Analysis from Texas about the role of international emissions, including from Mexico, and the pending closure of a coal-fired power plant in Bexar County will help ensure that implementation of this standard has minimal burdens on economic development.”**

Overall, the U.S. has experienced dramatic progress for ozone and other air pollutants and we expect these trends to continue in San Antonio and Texas. Compared to designations issued in 2012 for the 2008 standards, there are more than 10 percent fewer counties being designated “nonattainment” for the more stringent 2015 standard. National average ozone concentrations dropped by 13 percent from 2007 to 2016, and its precursor emissions have also plummeted over the last decade (U.S. emissions of volatile organic compounds dropped by more than 15 percent from 2007 to 2016, and nitrogen oxide emissions were down 40 percent over the same period).

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From: Brendan Gibbons [Ex. 6]
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Subject: San Antonio NAAQS determination

Hello,

Yesterday, July 17, was a court-imposed deadline for the EPA to make a determination on whether San Antonio is in attainment of the 2015 ozone standard.

No notice of the decision appeared in yesterday's or today's Federal Register. Nor have I been able to find it in the court docket for the ongoing case in California's Northern District Court. No news releases about the decision, either.

When and where can I expect to find a notice about this decision?

Thank you,

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