

DETERMINATION THAT THE 2021 REGIONAL MILESTONE HAS BEEN MET UNDER THE SULFUR DIOXIDE MILESTONES AND BACKSTOP TRADING PROGRAM AS REQUIRED BY THE REGIONAL HAZE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The City of Albuquerque Environmental Health Department (“EHD”) has made a determination, which is required by the Section 309 Regional Haze State Implementation Plan Element: Albuquerque-Bernalillo County, New Mexico (“Regional Haze SIP”), Chapter IV, Section C, Part A3.10, and is providing notice to the public in accordance with the Regional Haze SIP, Chapter IV, Section C, Part A3.11. EHD made the determination in cooperation with the Western Regional Air Partnership (“WRAP”) and air quality management agencies of the states of New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming (“Participating States”), as follows:

EHD, WRAP, and the Participating States compiled the 2021 sulfur dioxide emissions of sources subject to the Sulfur Dioxide Milestones and Backstop Trading Program (“SO₂ Milestones Program”), adjusted the emissions, and compared them to the annual regional milestone in accordance with the provisions of the Regional Haze SIPs for Albuquerque-Bernalillo County and the Participating States. Details are provided in the 2021 Regional Sulfur Dioxide Emissions and Milestone Report (“2021 Milestone Report”), which is available for download at <https://www.cabq.gov/airquality/regulation-development/final-2021-regional-so2-emissions-and-milestone-report.pdf>.

On May 10, 2023, the Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Air Quality Control Board approved the 2021 Milestone Report in accordance with the Regional Haze SIP, Chapter IV, Section C, Part A3.10.

Based on the 2021 Milestone Report, the 2021 adjusted sulfur dioxide emissions in Albuquerque-Bernalillo County and the Participating States from sources subject to the SO₂ Milestones Program totaled 60,011 tons (reported emissions were 50,730 tons) versus an annual regional milestone of 141,849 tons. Therefore, the annual regional milestone has been met and the Western Emissions Backstop Trading Program provided for in the Regional Haze SIP has not been triggered.

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