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Clean Air Act: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Federal Register Notice Noting Redesignation of Arkansas Portion of Memphis, Tennessee-Mississippi-Arkansas Air Quality Patrol Region Attainment for Ozone

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As noted in a previous blog post, <http://www.mitchellwilliamslaw.com/clean-air-act-us-environmental-protection-agency-announces-crittenden-county-arkansas-is-in-attainment-for-ozone-national-ambient-air-quality-standard>, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) announced that it was redesignating the portion of Arkansas (Crittenden County) that is within the Memphis, Tennessee-Mississippi-Arkansas (Memphis, TN-MS-AR) 2008 8-hour ozone nonattainment area to attainment.

EPA published on February 10th the Federal Register Notice confirming the redesignation and noting approval of a State Implementation Plan (“SIP”) revision containing a maintenance plan for the area. See 81 Fed. Reg. 7046.

EPA states it is proposing:

- to determine that the Memphis, TN-MS-AR Area is continuing to attain the 2008 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (“NAAQS”)
- to approve the state’s plan for maintaining attainment of the 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS in the Area
- including the motor vehicle emission budgets for nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compounds for the years 2012 and 2027 for the Arkansas portion of the Area – into the SIP
- to redesignate the Arkansas portion of the Area to attainment for the 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS

The federal agency is also notifying the public of the status of its adequacy determination for the motor vehicle emission budgets for the Arkansas portion of the Memphis, TN-MS-AR Area.

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