



The graph above shows the annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> average for the Pinehurst monitoring site from 1999-2013. The 2013 Annual Average PM<sub>2.5</sub> data presented in this report is considered preliminary data and has not been completely evaluated for all quality assurance requirements. The 2013 data is presented for display purposes only and should not be cited or quoted at this time. The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) promulgated the first PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard in 1997. PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitoring began in Pinehurst in 1999. In 2012 EPA revised the annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard down from 15 µg/m<sup>3</sup> to 12 µg/m<sup>3</sup>. The graph illustrates that the Pinehurst area has approached and surpassed the current annual standard on several occasions and is at risk of being classified as a federally listed Non-Attainment Area for PM<sub>2.5</sub>.