

April 29, 2012

Administrator Jackson,

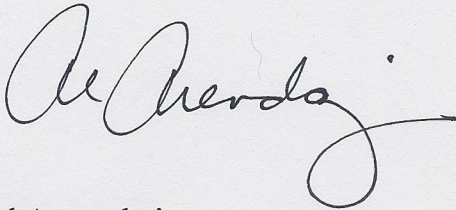
For the past 2 and ½ years I have been honored to serve as your administrator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Region 6. I entered this position, and into your administration, determined to work on behalf of the American people to enact and carry out policies protective of our environment and the health and welfare of our citizens, in particular for those disadvantaged Americans who, more than anyone, lacked an ally in government to work for their safety.

As I have expressed publically, and to you directly, I regret comments I made several years ago that do not in any way reflect my work as regional administrator. As importantly, they do not represent the work you have overseen as EPA administrator.

I take great pride in having built a career based on integrity and hard work. These are the principles that guide me personally as well. While I feel there is much work that remains to be done for the people of this country in the region that I serve, after a great deal of thought and careful consideration, I have come to the conclusion that my continued service will distract you and the agency from its important work. Therefore, I am offering my resignation, effective Monday, April 30, 2012.

The work of the U.S. EPA is of great importance to our country. I thank you for your leadership and your friendship, and I wish you well as you continue your service to our country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Al Armendariz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right from the end of the name.

Al Armendariz