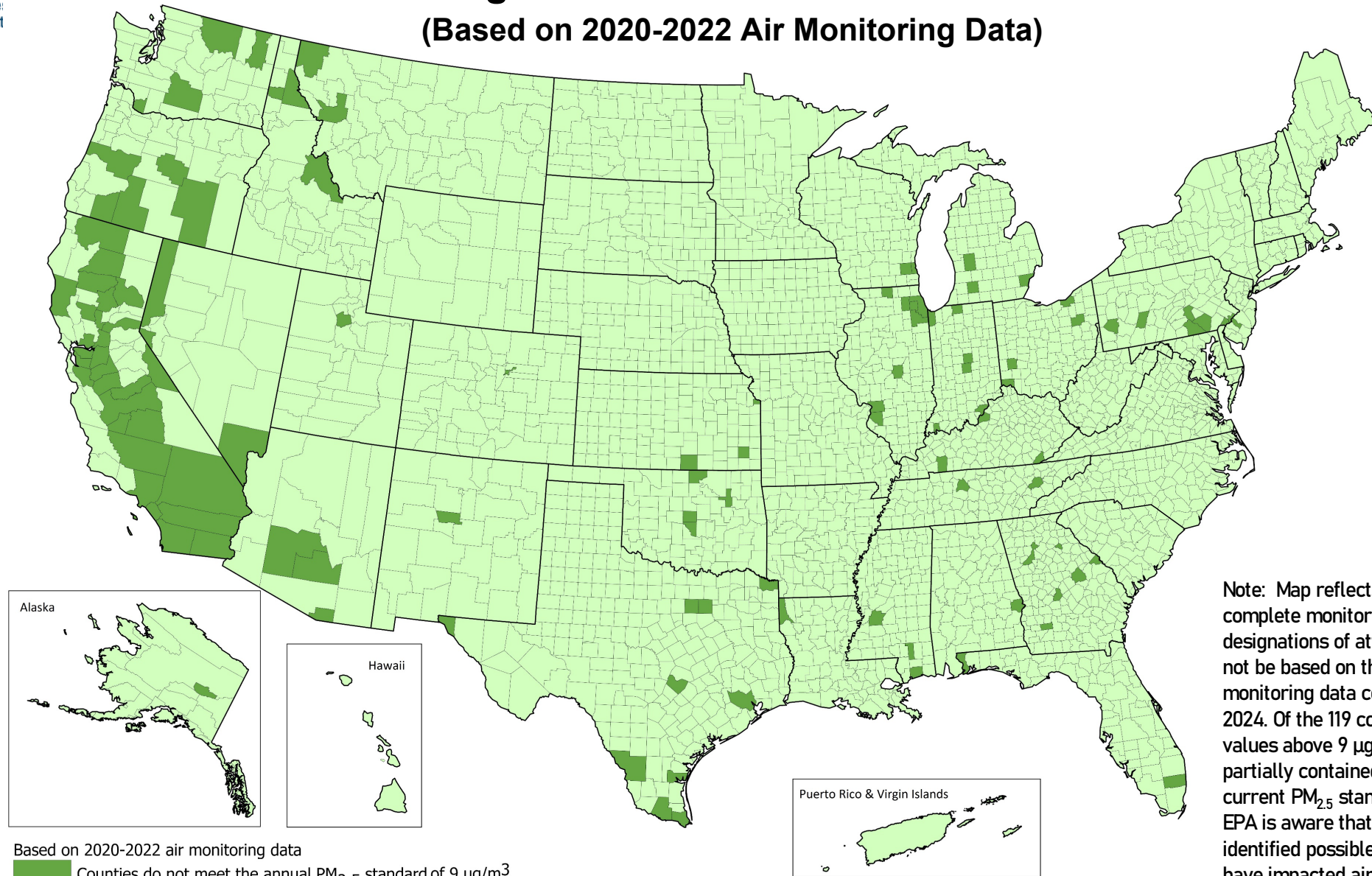



# Most Counties with Monitors Already Meet the Strengthened Particle Pollution Standard (Based on 2020-2022 Air Monitoring Data)



Note: Map reflects monitored counties with complete monitoring data. Future final designations of attainment/nonattainment will not be based on these data, but likely on monitoring data collected between 2022 and 2024. Of the 119 counties with 2020-2022 design values above  $9 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ , 59 counties are totally or partially contained in nonattainment areas for current  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  standards. In years 2021 and 2022, EPA is aware that some states have already identified possible exceptional events that may have impacted air quality in the US and may be relevant to designations decisions.

Based on 2020-2022 air monitoring data

 Counties do not meet the annual  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  standard of  $9 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

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