

PUBLIC NOTICE
Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
Request for Public Comments
On Exceptional Events in Yuma

In 2005, Congress identified a need to account for events that result in exceedances of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) that are exceptional in nature (e.g., not expected to reoccur or caused by acts of nature beyond man-made controls.) In response, EPA promulgated the Exceptional Events Rule (EER) to address exceptional events in 40 CFR Parts 50 and 51 on March 22, 2007 (72 FR 13560). On May 2, 2011, EPA released draft guidance documents on the implementation of the EER to State, tribal and local air agencies for review. The EER allows for states and tribes to “flag” air quality monitoring data as an exceptional event, and therefore exclude these data from consideration in air quality planning, if EPA concurs with the demonstration submitted by the flagging agency that all procedural and technical requirements have been met. Pursuant to 40 CFR 50.14(c)(3)(i), the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) is soliciting comments on its final demonstration of an event that has caused elevated concentrations of PM₁₀ in Yuma on July 3, 2011 and ADEQ’s decision to flag this episode based on this analysis. A copy of the demonstration titled *State of Arizona Exceptional Event Documentation for the Event of July 3, 2011, for the Yuma County PM₁₀ Nonattainment Area* can be viewed online beginning Monday, December 3, 2012 on the ADEQ website at <http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/air/plan/index.html> by selecting Air Quality – Public Notices, Meetings and Hearings. Interested parties can submit written comments throughout the comment period which will end at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 1, 2013. Any comments received will be responded to and forwarded to EPA with the final demonstration.

Written comments should be addressed, faxed, or e-mailed to:

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In addition to being available on-line, a copy of the analysis is available for review at the following locations:

ADEQ Records Management Center, 1110 W. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ, 85007, Attn: Records Center, (602) 771-4380, email: recordscenter@azdeq.gov.

Yuma County Library, Reference Section, 2951 S. 21st Dr., Yuma, Arizona 85364, Attn: Brian Franssen, (928) 782-1871, E-mail: bfranssen@yumalibrary.org.

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