

Request for Public Comments on Exceptional Events in the State of Arizona

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 10, 2013, EPA released interim guidance documents to State, tribal and local air agencies for review. These guidance documents clarify key provisions of the 2007 EER in response to questions and issues that have arisen since the rule was promulgated. The EER allows for states and tribes to "flag" air quality monitoring data as an exceptional event. If flagged, these data can be excluded from consideration in air quality planning if EPA concurs with the demonstration submitted by the flagging agency documenting 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 demonstrations of events that have caused elevated concentrations of PM10 and PM2.5 during 2011 through 2013 across Arizona. Elevated PM10 concentrations occurred in Arizona at the following locations:

Ajo: April 8, 2013
 Douglas: April 8, 2013
 Hayden Old Jail: April 8, 2013
 Nogales: April 8-9, 2013
 Greater Phoenix Area: April 8, 2013
 Rillito: February 19, 2011; May 7, 2011; November 4, 2011; May 9, 2012; May 23, 2012; April 8-9, 2013; May 3, 2013; and July 2, 2013
 Tucson: April 8-9, 2013
 Yuma: April 8, 2013

Elevated PM2.5 concentrations occurred in the Greater Phoenix Area on the following dates: July 5, 2011; July 8, 2011; July 18, 2011; August 25, 2011; August 27, 2011; August 28, 2011; September 2, 2011; and June 27, 2012.

ADEQ has decided to flag these episodes based on these analyses. A copy of the demonstration is available for review beginning February 7, 2014 on the ADEQ website at www.azdeq.gov/air/plan/nee.html. Interested parties can submit written comments throughout the comment period which will end at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 8, 2014. Any comments received will be responded to and forwarded to EPA with the final demonstrations.

Written comments should be addressed, faxed, or e-mailed to:
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In addition to being available on-line, copies of the analyses are available for review at the following locations:

Ajo area: Salazar-Ajo Branch Library, 15 W. Plaza St., #179, Ajo, AZ 85321. Attn: Linda Lam, (520) 387-6075, e-mail: linda.lam@plma.gov
 Douglas area: Douglas Public Library, 560 10th St., Douglas, AZ 85607. Attn: Ana Urquijo, (520) 417-7357, e-mail: ana.urquijo@douglasaz.gov
 Hayden area: Hayden Public Library, 520 Velasco Ave., Hayden, AZ 85135. Attn: Mary Lopez, (520) 356-7031, e-mail: mlopez@goldaz.org
 Nogales area: Nogales-Rochlin Branch Library, 518 N. Grand Ave., Nogales, AZ 85621. Attn: Mirna Navarro, (520) 287-3343, e-mail: mnavarro@nogalesaz.gov
 Phoenix area: ADEQ Records Management Center, 1110 W. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85007. Attn: Records Center, (602) 771-4380, e-mail: recordscenter@azdeq.gov
 Rillito area: Geasa-Marana Branch Library, 13370 N. Lon Adams Rd., Marana, AZ 85653. Attn: Vicki Duraine, (520) 594-5255, e-mail: vicki.duraine@plma.gov
 Tucson area: Joel D. Valdez Main Library, 101 N. Stone

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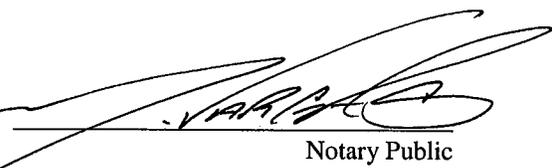
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