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Arizona Department of Environmental Quality  
Request for Public Comments

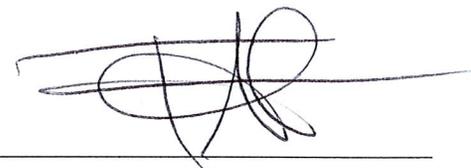
On Exceptional Events in the Greater Phoenix Area  
In 2005, Congress identified a need to account for events that result in exceedances of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) that are exceptional in nature (e.g., not expected to reoccur or caused by acts of nature beyond man-made controls.) 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 On May 2, 2011, EPA released draft guidance documents on the implementation of the EER to State, tribal and local air agencies for review.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 demonstrations of events that have caused elevated concentrations of PM10 in the Greater Phoenix area during July 3rd through 5th and on July 7th and 8th, 2011 and ADEQ's decision to flag these episodes based on these analyses. Copies of the demonstrations are available for review beginning Monday, February 6, 2012 on the ADEQ website at [www.azdeq.gov/environment/air/plan/](http://www.azdeq.gov/environment/air/plan/). Interested parties can submit written comments throughout the comment period which will end at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2012. 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:  
Andra Juniel, Air Assessment Section, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, 1110 W. Washington Street, 3415-A, Phoenix, AZ 85007, PHONE: (602) 771-4417; FAX: (602) 771-2366, E-mail: [juniel.andra@azdeq.gov](mailto:juniel.andra@azdeq.gov).  
In addition to being available on-line, a copy of the analyses is available for review at the following location:  
Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Records Retention Center, First Floor, 1110 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, Attn: Christina Silva, (602) 771-4380.  
Persons with a disability may request reasonable accommodations, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Linda Morrison at (602) 771-4793 or 1-800-234-5677 ext. 771-4793. This document is available in alternative formats by contacting ADEQ TDD phone number at (602) 771-4829. Pub: February 6, 2012

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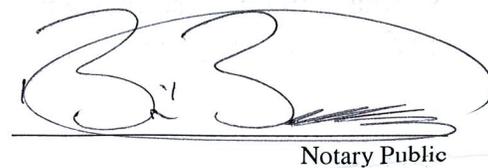
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