

PUBLIC NOTICE
Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
Request for Public Comments
On Exceptional/Natural Events in the Greater Phoenix Area, 2008

EPA allows data that have been directly influenced by exceptional and/or natural events (e.g., caused by blowing dust from major storms) to be excluded in the determination of exceedances and National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) violations for State Implementation Plan (SIP) purposes. For definitions of exceptional events see 40 CFR 50.1(j) and (k), http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/cfr_2009/julqtr/40cfr50.1.htm and for “treatment of air quality monitoring data influenced by exceptional events” see 40 CFR 50.14, http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/cfr_2009/julqtr/40cfr50.14.htm. 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 in 2008, on ADEQ’s decision to flag these episodes based on these analyses, and on two white papers, the first titled, “Impact of Exceptional Events ‘Unusual Winds’ on PM₁₀ Concentrations in Arizona” and the second titled, “High Wind Exceptional Events and Control Measures for PM₁₀ Areas.” Copies of these documents are available for review beginning Thursday, October 15, 2009, on the ADEQ Web-site at www.azdeq.gov/environ/air/plan/index.html. Interested parties can submit written comments throughout the comment period which will end at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 13, 2009. Any comments received will be forwarded to EPA with the final demonstrations.

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