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Electronic Submittal (to be followed by FED EX)

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SUBJECT: Submittal of State of Arizona Exceptional Event Documentation for PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} Events in the Phoenix Nonattainment Area on June 30, 2013 and PM₁₀ Events on July 2, August 17, August 26 and October 9, 2013 and Request for Concurrence

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Dear Ms. Jordan:

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) hereby submits information regarding exceptional events that resulted in exceedances of the 24-hour PM₁₀ National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) in the Greater Phoenix Area on June 30, July 2, August 17, August 26, and October 9, 2013 and an exceedance of the 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS on June 30, 2013. The enclosed analyses were developed through a partnership among EPA's Region 9 staff, ADEQ, Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), Maricopa County Air Quality Department (MCAQD), and Pinal County Air Quality Control District (PCAQCD).

As required by EPA's Exceptional Event Rule (40 CFR 50.14(c)(3)(i)) and ADEQ Policy 2009.001, ADEQ made copies of the demonstrations available for public review for a 30-day public comment period beginning January 13, 2014. No comments were received during the comment period.

Enclosed with this letter is a compact disc (Enclosure 1) containing electronic copies of the exceptional event analyses, a copy of the public notice announcing the 30-day comment period, and a copy of the affidavit of publication of the public notice. The materials included on the CD may also be retrieved from ADEQ's website at <http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/air/plan/nee.html>.

ADEQ has determined that the analyses and supporting documentation conform to the Exceptional Events Rule (EER) and EPA's May 10, 2013 interim guidance documents regarding the implementation of the EER. EPA's concurrence with these determinations is both recommended and requested. We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to EPA

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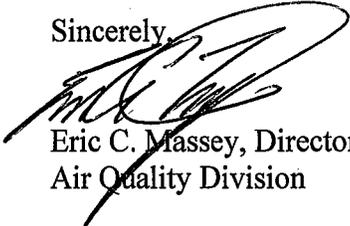
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Region 9 staff for their involvement in our process. In particular, Michael Flagg was very helpful in providing feedback and recommendations throughout the process.

If you have any questions related to this request, please contact me at (602) 771-2308 or Theresa Rigney, Air Quality Assessment Manager, at (602) 771-2274.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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