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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 Events in the Yuma Moderate PM<sub>10</sub> Nonattainment Area of July 4 & 10, 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 PM<sub>10</sub> National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) in Yuma on July 4 & 10, 2013. ADEQ has decided to flag these episodes based on these analyses. The enclosed analyses were developed through a partnership among EPA's Region 9 staff, ADEQ, and ADEQ's contractor, Sonoma Technologies, Inc.

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 December 16, 2013. No comments were received during the comment period.

Enclosed within this letter is a compact disc 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 interim guidance documents released on May 10, 2013 relating to the EER. EPA's concurrence with these determinations is both recommended and requested. We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to EPA Region 9 staff for their involvement in our process. In particular, Michael Flagg was very helpful in providing feedback and recommendations throughout the process.

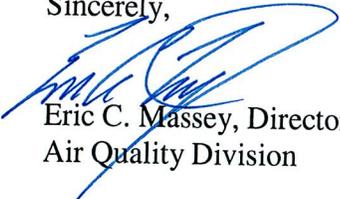
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If you have any questions related to this request, please contact me at (602) 771-2308 or Theresa Rigney, Air Quality Assessment Manager, at (602) 771-2274.

Sincerely,



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