

**Request for Public Comments on Addendum to an Exceptional Event in the Maricopa County
(Greater Phoenix) O3 Nonattainment 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 November 20, 2015, EPA released guidance on the preparation of exceptional events demonstrations for wildfire events that may influence ozone concentrations 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. 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 second addendum to a previously submitted demonstration for an event that caused elevated concentrations of Ozone (O3) in the Maricopa County (Greater Phoenix) O3 Nonattainment area on June 20, 2015. ADEQ has decided to flag exceedance concentrations based on these analyses. A copy of this addendum is available for review beginning Monday, March 25, 2019, on the ADEQ website at http://azdeq.gov/PN/o3_NAA. Interested parties can submit written comments throughout the comment period which will end at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24, 2019. Any comments received will be responded to and forwarded to EPA with the final demonstration.

Written comments should be addressed or emailed to: Air Assessment Section, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, 1110 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007, Email: exceptionalevents@azdeq.gov.

In addition to being available online, a copy of the analysis is available for review, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the [ADEQ Records Management Center](#) 1110 W. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ, 85007, Attn: Records Center, 602-771-4380, Email: recordscenter@azdeq.gov.

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