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Re: Determination of completeness of Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's (CDPHE's) mitigation plans for the PM₁₀ National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) in Prowers and Alamosa Counties, and for the ozone NAAQS in the Denver Front Range.

Dear Mr. Kaufman:

Thank you for the CDPHE's exceptional events mitigation plans dated September 27, 2018. The EPA acknowledges that CDPHE submitted these mitigation plans in accordance with 40 CFR 51.930.

Section 319(b) of the Clean Air Act (CAA) authorizes the EPA to consider air agency requests to exclude air quality monitoring data that is directly due to exceptional events from use in determinations by the Administrator with respect to exceedances or violations of the NAAQS. All states having areas with historically documented or known recurring events are required to develop an exceptional events mitigation plan with the components identified in paragraph 40 CFR 51.930(b)(2) and submit the mitigation plan to the EPA in accordance with 40 CFR 51.930(b)(3). The EPA identified Alamosa and Lamar (Prowers County) as subject to the mitigation requirements for PM₁₀ due to high winds, and the Denver Front Range ozone nonattainment area for ozone due to stratospheric ozone intrusions and wildfire smoke. *See Treatment of Data Influenced by Exceptional Events*, 81 Fed. Reg. 68216, 68272-73 (October 3, 2016). The EPA reviewed CDPHE's mitigation plans dated September 27, 2018, and determined that they are complete, and is providing the CDPHE notice pursuant to 40 CFR 51.930(b)(3)(ii).

We appreciate CDPHE's efforts to develop these mitigation plans and look forward to continued engagement on exceptional events. If you have any questions regarding this letter or related matters, please feel free to contact me at (303) 312-6936 or, for technical questions, your staff may contact Richard Payton at (303) 312-6439 at any time.

Sincerely,

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Signed by: MONICA MORALES

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