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Subject: New Mexico's Approach to Air Quality Characterization for Sources Subject to the Data Requirements Rule for the 2010 1-Hour Sulfur Dioxide Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard

Dear Ms. Stenger:

On behalf of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), I hereby submit the required information regarding New Mexico's only source (San Juan Generating Station) subject to the Data Requirements Rule for the 2010 1-Hour Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS):


- NMED will use modeling of actual continuous emissions monitoring system (CEMS) data to characterize air quality near the San Juan Generating Station.
- The modeling protocol to be used for air quality characterization, including emissions input data, modeling domain, receptor grid, meteorological data and background concentration accounting, is included as a separate document with this submission.

This information is intended to satisfy the requirements at 40 CFR Part 51, §51.1203(b) and §51.1203(d), Air agency requirements. Section 51.1203(b) requires that, for each source subject to the Data Requirements Rule, notification of the approach to be used for characterization of air quality be submitted to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region 6 by July 1, 2016. Section 51.1203(d) requires that a technical protocol for conducting modeling be submitted along with notification of the modeling approach option.

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If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact Rita Bates of my staff at (505) 476-4304.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Vonderheide". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Michael Vonderheide, Director
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