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Mr. Cosmo Servidio  
Regional Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region III-Middle Atlantic Region  
1650 Arch Street (3RA00)  
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

Dear Mr. <sup>Cosmo</sup> Servidio:

Enclosed are two Final Exceptional Event (EE) Demonstrations for the periods of May 25 & 26, 2016 and July 21 & 22, 2016, describing the smoke plumes that came from wild fires in Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada and Northwestern Canada, respectively. Both EE Demonstrations were posted on the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE or the Department) web site for the requisite 30-day public comment period as required by the provisions contained in the revised Exceptional Events Rule at 40CFR50.14 titled Treatment of Data Influenced by Exceptional Events.

At the conclusion of the 30-day public comment period, MDE received one comment on the May 25 & 26, 2016 EE Demonstration and several comments on the July 21 & 22, 2016 EE Demonstration from Sierra Club, Environmental Integrity Project, and Earthjustice (the Commenters). Neither of the EE Demonstrations was revised in any way except for acknowledging the receipt of comments and response to comments in Section 6 of the EE Demonstrations. In addition, the comments received and the Department's responses were added as Appendix C and Appendix D, respectively, to both EE Demonstrations.

If you have any questions regarding either of these two EE Demonstrations, please contact George (Tad) Aburn, Director, Air and Radiation Administration at 410-537-3201, or by email at [George.Aburn@maryland.gov](mailto:George.Aburn@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

Ben Grumbles  
Secretary

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