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Dear Administrator Lovato:

I am writing to inform you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has finalized a list of additional areas subject to the mitigation plan requirements found in the 2016 Exceptional Events Rule and codified at 40 CFR 51.930. The attached table summarizes the portions of Nevada the EPA has determined to have frequently recurring exceptional events of the same type and pollutant. The process that the EPA followed to identify additional areas subject to mitigation plans and the required components of mitigation plans are contained in the enclosed background document, in the docket established for this rulemaking (Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2022-0313) and on the EPA's Exceptional Events web site at <https://www.epa.gov/air-quality-analysis/treatment-air-quality-data-influenced-exceptional-events-homepage-exceptional>.

Section 319(b) of the Clean Air Act expresses Congress's intent that, in promulgating the Exceptional Events Rule, the protection of public health be the highest priority. The EPA believes fulfilling its obligation to identify additional areas with historically documented or recurrent exceptional events is an important step in fulfilling the EPA's mission to protect public health.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at Adams.Elizabeth@epa.gov, or at (415) 972-3183.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth J. Adams
Director, Air and Radiation Division

Enclosure:

A. Additional Areas Subject to Mitigation Plan Requirements

cc (via email): Kevin Dick, Washoe County Health District

Attachment
Additional Areas Subject to Mitigation Plan Requirements

Nevada			
County/Area	Event Type	Pollutant	Data Years¹
Washoe	Wildfire	O ₃	2016-2018

¹ 3-year period with 3 or more exceptional events or event seasons that made the area subject to mitigation plan requirements.