

Email from Phil Lorang (EPA OAQPS) on Availability of  
Draft Exceptional Events Guidance and Information Documents  
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Subject: Draft Exceptional Events Implementation Guidance, Information on documents and availability for review

Over the past year, EPA staff have developed draft guidance documents to clarify key provisions of the 2007 Exceptional Events Rule (EER) and to respond to questions and issues that have arisen since the rule was promulgated. EPA released previous versions of these documents to state, local, and tribal agencies and to other parties as requested in May of 2011. Numerous commenters provided feedback. The EPA has incorporated commenters' feedback into the revised draft guidance documents, which we are now making broadly available for a 60-day public notice and comment through a Notice of Availability (NOA) in the Federal Register (FR). The draft guidance will be available in the docket for this action (EPA-HQ-OAR-2011-0887) when the NOA publishes, but EPA is also making these documents available for download on EPA's Exceptional Events website at <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/analysis/exevents.htm>. We anticipate the draft guidance documents and the pre-publication NOA will be available at 2:00pm on Wednesday, June 27. The draft guidance documents include the following:

- \* Draft Guidance to Implement Requirements for the Treatment of Air Quality Monitoring Data Influenced by Exceptional Events (EER Draft Guidance Overview Doc\_final.pdf)
- \* Attachment 1 - Draft Exceptional Events Rule Frequently Asked Questions (EER Q&A Doc\_final.pdf)
- \* Attachment 2 - Draft Guidance on the Preparation of Demonstrations in Support of Requests to Exclude Ambient Air Quality Data Affected by High Winds under the Exceptional Events Rule (HWDE\_Strategy\_final.pdf)
- \* Attachment 3 - Request for Comments on the Draft Guidance Documents on the Implementation of the Exceptional Events Rule (Request\_for\_Comments\_final.pdf)

In addition, EPA prepared a response to comments document detailing the preliminary comment and response process. This document entitled, "Responses to Significant First-Round Comments on the Draft Guidance Documents on the Implementation of the Exceptional Events Rule" (Response to Comments on EE Draft Guidance\_final.pdf) is also available in the docket and on the website.

EPA provides these documents, along with examples of approved demonstrations and links to publicly available support information and tools, on EPA's website at <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/analysis/exevents.htm>, to facilitate review by state, local

and tribal agencies. EPA will consider feedback received during the public comment period as we continue efforts to ensure an efficient and effective process for considering air quality data that have been affected by exceptional events. Although EPA expects to formalize the concepts in the revised draft guidance documents by issuing final guidance, EPA has not excluded the possibility of issuing rule revisions. The EPA intends to follow the draft guidance during the public comment period and document finalization process, because we believe it is consistent with the Exceptional Events Rule and the guidance already provided in the preamble to the rule.

EPA intends to hold a conference call to provide interested stakeholders with an overview of the Exceptional Events draft guidance. Additional details on this call are available on EPA's Exceptional Events website.

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