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Re: Initial Notification of Exceptional Event Demonstration for 2023 Ozone Air Monitoring Data

Dear Ms. Babbidge:

Thank you for your January 10, 2024, initial notification letter of potential exceptional events for ozone on April 13–14, June 30–July 1, and July 12, 2023, for air quality monitoring data in the Greater Connecticut nonattainment area. As you know, we have had several meetings with the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) to discuss the timeline and process should you choose to file an exceptional events demonstration for these dates.

On January 12, 2024, we received a draft of your first section of the exceptional events demonstration and participated in a subsequent technical discussion with CT DEEP on January 25, 2024, to discuss your potential demonstration. In addition, EPA is currently reviewing the complete draft demonstration submitted by CT DEEP on February 28, 2024, and will provide comments as soon as possible. At this time, EPA is requesting a final demonstration be prepared and submitted for EPA review no later than May 17, 2024. This demonstration must go through a 30-day public comment period, and the public comments must be addressed prior to the formal submission of the exceptional events request.

Please do not hesitate to contact Eric Wortman at (617) 918-1624 or Michele Kosin at (617) 918-1175 with any questions or concerns. We look forward to working with you as you prepare your demonstration.

Sincerely,

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