



REGION 5 ADMINISTRATOR

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Annette Switzer
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Dear Ms. Switzer:

Thank you for your February 6, 2025, letter requesting that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency concur with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy's exceptional events demonstration for one monitoring site in Grand Rapids, Michigan. EGLE has determined that the Canadian wildfires during the summer of 2023 caused exceedances of the PM_{2.5} National Ambient Air Quality Standard at the Grand Rapids-Monroe monitoring site on June 6-8, 2023, June 26-29, 2023, and July 25-26, 2023.

The EPA concurs that Canadian wildfires caused the identified exceedance of the 2024 annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS at this monitor and that EGLE's demonstration meets the EPA's exceptional events criteria at 40 CFR Parts 50 and 51. In addition, EGLE has met the schedule and procedural requirements in section 50.14(c). I have enclosed a technical support document that explains the EPA's analysis of EGLE's demonstration. My staff will enter "concurrence flags" for these data into the EPA's Air Quality Systems data repository.

The EPA's concurrence with this demonstration is not a final agency action. If the EPA takes a regulatory action that is affected by the exclusion of this data, then the EPA will publish notice of its proposed action in the Federal Register. When the EPA issues that regulatory action, it will be a final agency action subject to judicial review.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please have your staff contact John Mooney, Director, Region 5 Air and Radiation Division, at 312-886-6043.

Sincerely,

Cheryl L. Newton
Acting Regional Administrator/Deputy Regional Administrator

Enclosure