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Mr. Sean Hogan, Chief
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 9
Technical Support Office (AIR-7)
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, California 94105

Dear Mr. Hogan:

On April 24, 2007, the Air Resources Board (ARB) requested that the September 22, 2006 San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (District) PM10 exceedances at the Corcoran, Oildale, and Bakersfield monitoring sites be flagged as natural events. Subsequent to this submittal, the District conducted supplemental analysis on the events. We are providing the enclosed Addendum prepared by the District as additional documentation to support the request to flag these events.

The 1996 United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) policy for areas affected by PM10 natural events allows such data to be flagged and thus excluded from consideration by U.S. EPA when making decisions related to the attainment status of an area. On March 22, 2007, the U.S. EPA adopted the 'Treatment of Data Influenced by Exceptional Events' rule that allows data to be flagged and thus excluded from consideration by U.S. EPA when making decisions related to the attainment status of an area. This rule, which became effective on May 22, 2007, requires that States submit documentation to support flagging to the appropriate U.S. EPA Regional Office.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed documentation, please contact Ms. Sylvia Morrow, Manager, Particulate Matter Analysis Section, at (916) 324-7163, or via email at smorrow@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

cc: See next page.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

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