Diana Escher
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region III (Mail Code: 3RA00)
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

RE: Requesting EPA to exclude ozone data in the District from March 16 through December 31, 2020 due to unusual traffic congestion that resulted from the Covid-19 health emergency

Dear Acting Regional Administrator Escher:

On behalf of the District of Columbia (District), I thank you for the opportunity to submit this demonstration that the unusual traffic congestion that resulted from the Covid-19 health emergency led to an exceptional event in the District for ozone from March 16 through December 31, 2020 as defined by Clean Air Act § 319 (b).

A Notice of Public Hearing and Public Comment Period was posted in the *D.C. Register* on August 20, 2021 (68 DCR 008218). No comments were received during the comment period. DOEE also initiated multiple conversations with Region 3 staff of its intention to submit a demonstration in order to provide initial notification to EPA.

Enclosed are the following:

- The Exceptional Event Demonstration;
- The Ozone Regression Analysis – Attachment A;
- The Data Certification Letter – Attachment B;
- The Notice of Public Hearing and Comment Period – Attachment C; and
- The Hearing Officer's Certification – Attachment D.

Your expeditious review and approval of this exceptional event demonstration is requested. Please contact Ms. Kelly Crawford, Associate Director, Air Quality Division, at (202) 724-7650, if you have any questions concerning this demonstration and the enclosed documentation.

Sincerely,

Tommy Wells
Director

Enclosures: 5

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