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Subject: Exceptional Event Demonstration Submittal Process - Mass DEP

Mark,

Thank you for notifying us of the public comment period for your proposed exceptional events demonstration for the 2016 Ft. McMurray wildfire. The public comment period for the demonstration ends on May 19, 2017. Given this timeframe, we understand that it may be challenging to provide your final submittal to the EPA by the May 31, 2017 deadline. The exceptional events rule provides flexibility for the EPA to begin its review concurrent with the public comment period, provided that any received public comments and your response to those comments are sent to the EPA by a specified date (see 81 FR 68266/68267). Please note that if Mass DEP receives public comments disputing the technical elements of a demonstration during a comment period that runs concurrent with the EPA's review and these comments result in the need to reanalyze or reassess the validity of a claimed event, a second public comment period may be necessary.

In accordance with §50.14(c)(3), Mass DEP should submit a copy of the proposed demonstration and documentation of the public comment process to the EPA by May 31, 2017. Mass DEP should provide the EPA with a final submittal, including any public comments received and your response to those comments, no later than June 30, 2017. Your submittals may be sent to the following address:

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Please let me know if you have any questions,

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