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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

May 30, 2017

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RE: Rhode Island Exceptional Event Demonstration for May 25-26, 2016

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Attached, please find for your approval, the Rhode Island Exceptional Event Demonstration for May 25-26, 2016 (Demonstration). The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management Office of Air Resources (RIDEM) drafted this Demonstration to fulfill requirements set forth in the Exceptional Events Rule at 40 CFR 50.14.

RIDEM worked with your staff in developing the Demonstration and also sought out public comment. The Department posted the draft Demonstration on its website for over a 30-day public comment period from April 24 to May 26, 2017. RIDEM also reached out via an email listserv to over 300 stake holders including members of the regulated community, environmental organizations, consultants, state agencies, and other state air agencies, all of whom have interest in Rhode Island's air quality issues.

The only comments RIDEM received were from a letter dated May 19, 2017 from David Conroy, Chief, Air Programs Branch of EPA Region 1. Within the letter were 3 comments recommended to strengthen the discussion. RIDEM will be addressing these items within a final submittal to EPA prior to June 30, 2017, at which point RIDEM will be fulfilling the public comment requirement of the Demonstration according to the provisions in 40 CFR 50.14.

I look forward to receiving your approval on this demonstration for the state of Rhode Island. If you have any questions concerning this demonstration, please contact me at 401-222-2808 extension 7430.

Sincerely,

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Enc: Rhode Island Exceptional Event Demonstrations for May 25 and May 26, 2016