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Clean Air and Sustainability Division
United States Environmental Protection Agency Region II
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New York, NY 10007-1866

***RE: Documentation of an Exceptional Event for Ozone on May 25 and 26, 2016***

Dear Director Filippelli:

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) observed unusual ozone exceedances on May 25 and May 26, 2016. New Jersey is providing the enclosed documentation to demonstrate that these ozone exceedances were an exceptional event due to the Fort McMurray wildfires in Alberta, Canada. New Jersey monitoring data for ozone on these days has been accordingly flagged on the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Air Quality System.

In accordance with 40 CFR 50.14(c)(2) of the 'Exceptional Events Rule', the enclosed documentation provides the technical evidence that a clear causal relationship exists between the ozone exceedances observed in New Jersey and the Fort McMurray wildfires in Alberta, Canada. The NJDEP has coordinated with EPA Region 2, NESCAUM, and the States of Connecticut and Maryland on the technical demonstration process.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Davis, Section Chief, Bureau of Evaluation and Planning, at (609) 292-6722 for further discussion.

Sincerely,

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Director, Division of Air Quality

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