



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 5  
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CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Laurel L. Kroack  
Chief  
Bureau of Air  
1021 North Grand Avenue East  
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

Re: July 5, 2008 PM<sub>2.5</sub> Exceptional Event

Dear Ms. Kroack,

This letter is in response to Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's (IEPA) June 11, 2009, letter requesting exceptional event concurrence for a July 5, 2008, firework occurrence which affected PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations measured at the Granite City monitoring site (17-119-1007) located at 23<sup>rd</sup> and Madison.

U. S. Environmental Protection Agency will exclude data from use in determinations of exceedances and National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) violations where a state demonstrates to EPA's satisfaction that an exceptional event caused a specific air pollution concentration in excess of one or more national ambient air quality standards at a particular air quality monitoring location and otherwise satisfies the remaining requirements of the Exceptional Events Rule. After thorough review of IEPA's demonstration, Region 5 is concurring on the exceptional event and will be inserting a concurrence indicator in the EPA Air Quality System (AQS) database to reflect this decision.

As always, EPA staff are available to answer questions you may have and provide help where needed. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Compher, of the Air Monitoring and Analysis Section, at (312) 886-5745.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Walter W. Kovalich" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Bharat Mathur *for*  
Acting Regional Administrator

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