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Todd Parfitt
Director, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality
122 West 25th Street
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002

Re: Ozone Exceedances at Big Piney and Boulder, June 14, 2012

Dear Mr. Parfitt:

This letter responds to the letter of June 20, 2013, from Steven A. Dietrich, submitting for approval an exceptional event demonstration for a stratospheric ozone intrusion in southwest Wyoming on June 14, 2012. The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) determined that this regional intrusion event caused exceedances of the 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) at the Boulder and Big Piney ambient air monitors in the Upper Green River ozone nonattainment area.

The EPA has reviewed the documentation provided by the Wyoming DEQ to demonstrate that this exceedance met the criteria for an exceptional event under the Exceptional Events Rule (EER), 40 CFR 50.14. The EPA concurs, based on the weight of evidence provided, that the Wyoming DEQ has successfully made the demonstration necessary to comply with 40 CFR 50.14 at the Big Piney and Boulder monitors on June 14, 2012.

In addition, the Wyoming DEQ has met the schedule and procedural requirements in section 50.14(c) with respect to the demonstration. A more detailed assessment of the Wyoming DEQ's demonstration is enclosed. My staff has entered "concurrency flags" for the June 14, 2012, Boulder and Big Piney ozone data into the EPA's Air Quality System (AQS).

Based on this determination, the EPA's AQS database will not count these data as exceedances when generating user reports, or include them in design value estimates; unless the AQS user specifically indicates that they should be included.

The determination conveyed in this letter does not constitute final EPA action regarding any matter on which the EPA is required to provide an opportunity for public comment. In particular, this applies to determinations regarding the attainment status, redesignations or classification of this area. Final actions will take place only after the EPA completes notice and comment rulemaking on those determinations. As an additional clarification, the determination conveyed in this letter is applicable only to the ozone NAAQS.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at (303) 312-6026. If your staff have questions or wish to discuss this matter further, they can contact Carl Daly, Air Program Director, at (303) 312-6416.

Sincerely,



Shaun L. McGrath
Regional Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Steven A. Dietrich, Wyoming DEQ
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