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Dear Deputy Executive Officer Chang:

I am writing to inform you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has finalized a list of additional areas subject to the mitigation plan requirements found in the 2016 Exceptional Events Rule and codified at 40 CFR 51.930. The attached table summarizes the portions of California the EPA has determined to have frequently recurring exceptional events of the same type and pollutant. The process that the EPA followed to identify additional areas subject to mitigation plans and the required components of mitigation plans are contained in the enclosed background document, in the docket established for this rulemaking (Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2022-0313) and on the EPA's Exceptional Events web site at <https://www.epa.gov/air-quality-analysis/treatment-air-quality-data-influenced-exceptional-events-homepage-exceptional>.

Section 319(b) of the Clean Air Act expresses Congress's intent that, in promulgating the Exceptional Events Rule, the protection of public health be the highest priority. The EPA believes fulfilling its obligation to identify additional areas with historically documented or recurrent exceptional events is an important step in fulfilling the EPA's mission to protect public health.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at Adams.Elizabeth@epa.gov, or at (415) 972-3183.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:

A. Additional Areas Subject to Mitigation Plan Requirements

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Attachment
Additional Areas Subject to Mitigation Plan Requirements

California			
County/Area	Event Type	Pollutant	Data Years¹
Tehama (Tuscan Buttes)	Wildfire	O ₃	2018-2020
Ventura	Wildfire	O ₃	2018-2020
Ventura	High Winds	PM ₁₀	2017-2019
Santa Barbara	Wildfire	PM ₁₀	2016-2018
San Joaquin Valley	Wildfire	PM ₁₀	2016-2018
Butte	Wildfire	PM _{2.5}	2018-2020
San Joaquin Valley	High Winds	PM _{2.5}	2017-2019
San Joaquin Valley	Fireworks	PM _{2.5}	2017-2019
San Joaquin Valley	Wildfire	PM _{2.5}	2018-2020
South Coast	Wildfire	PM _{2.5}	2017-2019
South Coast	Fireworks	PM _{2.5}	2017-2019

¹ 3-year period with 3 or more exceptional events or event seasons that made the area subject to mitigation plan requirements.