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Mary D. Nichols, Chairman
California Air Resources Board
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Sacramento, CA 95812

RE: Exceptional event requests regarding exceedances of the 1-hour ozone NAAQS at Folsom, California in the Sacramento 1-hour Ozone Nonattainment Area

Dear Ms. Nichols:

This letter responds to ARB's submittal regarding the 1-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) exceedances at the Folsom monitor in Sacramento County on June 23, June 27, and July 10, 2008. ARB has requested that EPA exclude these exceedances from consideration when making regulatory decisions since they are directly due to exceptional events.

Our response to ARB's request is governed by the "Treatment of Data Influenced by Exceptional Events" rule (72 FR 13560, March 22, 2007). After careful consideration of the information provided, we concur with the State's flags. The basis for our decision is set forth in the enclosed document.

EPA's decisions on exceptional event exclusions are not considered final agency action until they are acted upon as part of a final regulatory action, such as in an action concluding that the affected data may be excluded from use in a designation or determination of attainment, which is subject to public notice and comment. If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please have your staff contact Deborah Jordan, Director of the Air Division at (415) 947-8715.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jared Blumenfeld".

Jared Blumenfeld

Enclosure

cc: See next page

cc: James Goldstene, Executive Officer, California Air Resources Board
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