#### **Appendix B**

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High-Wind Natural Event Justification Packages

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#### UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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August 13, 2004

Ms. Christine Robinson, Director Clark County Department of Air Quality P.O. Box 551776 Las Vegas, NV 89155-1776

Re:

April 28, 2004 High Wind PM10 Natural Event

Dear Ms. Robinson:

I have received and reviewed your agency's request, dated July 20, 2004, to flag one PM10 National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) exceedance as a high wind event. The exceedance occurred on April 28, 2004 at the East Craig monitoring site.

The documentation you provided to support the flagging of this exceedance appears complete and comprehensive. We concur with your decision to flag these data as high wind natural events. I will instruct our AQS database manager, Jim Forrest, to add the appropriate flag to this exceedance day.

Please remember that Clark County Department of Air Quality will need to develop and implement a Natural Events Action Plan (NEAP) as required by EPA's Natural Events Policy ("Areas Affected by PM-10 Natural Events", Memorandum from Mary D. Nichols, Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation to Regional Air Division Directors, May 30, 1996).

If you have any questions please contact Bob Pallarino of my staff at (415) 947-4128.

Sincerely.

Sean Hogan, Acting Manager Technical Support Office

Air Division

cc:

Amy Zimpfer, EPA Region 9

Steven Barhite, EPA Region 9

Colleen Cripps, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection

#### **Department of Air Quality Management**



Christine L. Robinson, Director
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July 20, 2004

Mr. John Kennedy, Chief Technical Support Office (Air-7) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX 75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, California 94105-3901

RE: April 28, 2004 High-Wind PM<sub>10</sub> Exceedance Event

Dear Mr. Kennedy,

Pursuant to the requirements of the U. S. EPA Memorandum on *Areas Affected by PM*<sub>10</sub> *Natural Events* dated May 30, 1996, the Clark County Department of Air Quality and Environmental Management "flagged" April 28, 2004 PM<sub>10</sub> data for one (1) monitoring site in the Las Vegas Valley. This monitor recorded exceedance of the 24-hour PM<sub>10</sub> NAAQS on this date. After reviewing the meteorological data, site conditions, and control measures in place at the time of the exceedance, Clark County concluded that these exceedances occurred due to high-wind conditions. Attached are the data sets and findings that support this conclusion.

Please confirm flagging of the high-wind natural event data and receipt of this documentation. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Russell S. Merle Jr., Senior Planner, our staff natural event coordinator at (702) 455-1662 or FAX (702) 383-9994.

Sincerely,

Robert Folle

Acting Assistant Director

Enclosure

cc: Bob Pallarino, Environmental Engineer, Technical Support Office (AIR-7) U. S. EPA, Region IX Colleen Cripps, PhD, Bureau Chief, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP)

#### **Enclosure 1**

#### **EPA Required Documentation of Natural Event**

Subject: April 28, 2004 High-Wind Event in Clark County, Nevada

Clark County Department of Air Quality and Environmental Management (DAQEM) reviewed the data and findings related to the measured exceedances of the 24-Hour PM<sub>10</sub> NAAQS in the Las Vegas Valley, for April 28, 2004. Based on those data sets and findings, the DAQEM determined that a high-wind natural event caused this exceedance. Exceedance occurred at one (1) monitoring site within the Las Vegas Valley on this date. In accordance with the U. S. EPA Natural Events Policy Memorandum on "Areas Affected by PM<sub>10</sub> Natural Events" dated May 30, 1996 {Mary Nichols, Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation (6101)}, states are responsible for establishing a clear causal relationship between the measured exceedances and the natural event. This document sets forth the relationship between the high-wind event and the exceedance that occurred on April 28, 2004.

The documentation supporting the high-wind natural event includes: meteorological data (e.g., wind speed and wind direction); hourly PM<sub>10</sub> sampled mass compared to wind data to support a source receptor relationship; precipitation data; and photographs/maps of the area showing sources of emissions. Additional information includes local news accounts of the high-wind event published by the Las Vegas Sun, and the Las Vegas Review Journal newspapers.

In the case of high-wind events where contributing sources of dust are anthropogenic, the state must document the application of the required BACM to those sources. This document outlines the required BACM for these sources and the County's high-wind enforcement activities on the day of the high-wind event.

This documentation demonstrates that a high-wind natural event occurred on April 28, 2004. The high-wind natural event affected the specific monitoring site that recorded exceedance on that day. Exceedances of the 24-hour  $PM_{10}$  NAAQS, because of elevated concentrations of  $PM_{10}$  recorded at the monitoring site, were due to the emissions generated by the high-wind event.

During the month of July 2004, the DAQEM sent the air quality data affected by the high-wind natural event, to the U. S. EPA, for inclusion into the AIRS database. Clark County requested flagging of this data to indicate that a natural event (High-Wind Event) was involved. The site affected by the high-wind natural event was:

1) East Craig (BS) #320030020, 4701 Mitchell St., N. Las Vegas, Nevada

The BACM applicable to the one (1) exceedance site includes Sections 90, 91, 92, 93, and 94 of the Clark County Air Quality Regulations (AQRs). These regulations require stabilization of open areas and disturbed vacant lands; stabilization of unpaved roads;

stabilization of unpaved parking lots; stabilization of paved road unpaved shoulders; and use of soil specific best management practices for construction activities. On April 28, fourteen (14) compliance officers were active in the field on ten-hour staggered shifts. In addition, three (3) management and administrative support staff supported the field enforcement efforts on this day. All 14 compliance officers continued enforcement activities until approximately 5:00 P.M., depending on the location. Most of the Las Vegas Valley construction activities were concluded by 2:30 P.M. By 4:30 P.M., there was few construction sites reported as active. Inspectors made contact with 201 active construction sites. The majority of the contacts were to advise the companies of the impending high-wind event. From 4:30 PM through 10:00 PM, one standby officer was on duty. Two (2) dust complaints were called into the Standby Officer, and they were both addressed.

Many sites had shut down based on the faxed advisory (see Attachment 3) or other considerations. The total number of faxes sent for this wind event was 1269. Of the 1269 sent out, 1037 were successfully sent and 232 failed. The procedure for unsuccessful batch faxes is to review the failed faxed confirmation list provided by departmental Information Technology (IT) personnel. Most of the unsuccessful faxes are to small companies that do not have dedicated fax lines. Faxes that do not transmit to any company that has three or more active Dust Control Permits, receive a follow-up call from department compliance staff to verify the fax number for a manual resend of the fax. This is usually successful, but if not, the company's landline is called in an attempt to remedy the situation. At a minimum, the dust advisory fax is read aloud over the phone.

Most contractors were aware of the advisory and, based upon their Dust Control Class training, responded appropriately. There were, however, 15 Corrective Action Orders (CAO's) written for failure to employ BACM.

Compliance Section Staff conducted follow up inspections to assure compliance with Air Quality Regulations at those sites that received a CAO. DAQEM Compliance Officers issued three (3) Notices of Violation (NOV) to: 1) Perma Bilt Homes for the Russell/Ft. Apache Construction Yard #2 for fugitive dust greater than 100 yards; 2) Crossroads Development for the Maule Apartments construction site for fugitive dust greater than 100 yards, failure to employ BACM and no record of self inspection; and 3) Desert Wind Homes of Nevada II, Inc. for the Castellina construction site for fugitive dust greater than 100 yards, failure to employ BACM, water truck operator without dust class certification, no record of self inspection, no copy of Dust Control Permit on site and Dust Control Permit sign not updated. The hearing dates are pending.

The DAQEM is not aware of any other construction site operators that failed to curtail construction actives in accordance with the high-wind provisions of Section 94 of the Air Quality Regulations on this exceedance day.

Table 1 provides a summary of the Monitoring sites with data and wind speeds meeting the criteria to qualify as a high-wind event exceedance.

Table 1

High Wind Event 24-Hour PM<sub>10</sub> NAAQS Exceedance Data

Monitoring Site Location & AIRS Code	Date of High Wind Event	Measured QA/QC Concentration (µg/m³)	Wind Dir.	Max. Wind Gust (mph)
East Craig (BS) #320030020	4/28/04	177	N	44

#### **Analysis of Data:**

Data supplied as Attachment 1, include data sets for the day before the high-wind event; day of the high-wind event; and the day after the high-wind event for comparison. The data sheets clearly establish the high-wind event occurred on April 28, 2004 between the hours of approximately 6:00 AM and 10:00 PM. The wind direction was predominantly from the North, with peak gusts of 44 mph, and sustained two-minute winds of 36 mph {National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), data sheet – Attachment 2}. The majority of the Monitoring Station's average hourly wind speeds shown in Attachment 1, ranged from 5.1 to 23.2 miles per hour throughout the high-wind event. Attachment 2 is the MET data sheet from the NOAA, Climatic Data Center.

Southern Nevada continues to experience extreme drought, as of April 28, 2004 the Las Vegas Valley, according to the National Weather Service records, received only 2.62 inches of measurable precipitation. The absence of moisture/precipitation increased the amount of fugitive dust generated from native desert during the high-wind event. Attachment 5 shows the monitoring site and the surrounding environment subject to the exceedances on the high-wind event day. Wind gusts exceeding the 25-mile per hour threshold, as discussed in the June 2001 PM<sub>10</sub> State Implementation Plan (SIP) for Clark County (Appendix B, Emissions Inventories, Page B-21) overwhelmed the native desert environment and stabilized vacant land areas. Attachment 4 is the Clark County Press Release sent out to the media and advisory roster. Attachments 6 and 7 are newspaper articles from the Las Vegas Sun newspaper and the Las Vegas Review Journal newspapers, which describe the high-wind effects, on the Las Vegas Valley within Clark County.

The Clark County Department of Air Quality and Environmental Management requests, based on the evidence of a high-wind natural event enclosed in this documentation; that the U. S. EPA Region IX support the flagging of the exceedances in AIRS.

Attachments: 1 – DAQEM Monitoring Data Sheet(s)

2 – NOAA Data Sheet(s)

3 – FAX Notice

4 – Clark County Press Release

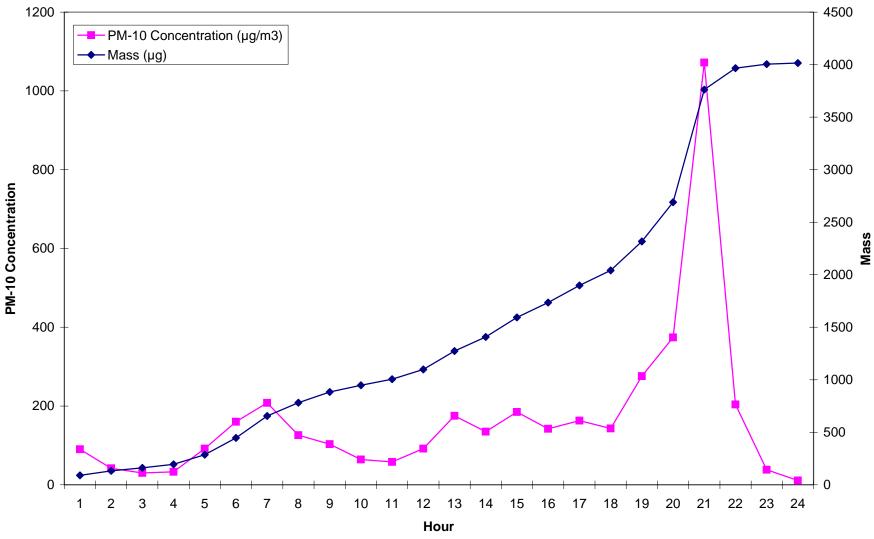
5 - East Craig (BS) Monitoring Site

- 6 Las Vegas Sun newspaper articles 7 Las Vegas Review Journal articles

#### East Craig Road - 2003

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BS	4	27	20	7.2	279	53	952
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BS	4	28	9	5.4	203	103	878
BS	4	28	10	4.7	155	64	943
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LAS VEGAS, NV APRIL 2004 LAS

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# MAXIMUM SHORT DURATION PRECIPITATION (See Note)

Time Period (Minutes)	2	10	15	20	30	45	09	8	100	100 120 150	150
Precipitation (Inches)							-				
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Ending Time (Hour/Min)											

Date and time are not entered for TRACE amounts.

# REFERENCE NOTES & SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMARIES

\* = Extreme for the month (last occurence if more than one)

= Trace precipitation amount

+ = also occurs on earlier date

FG+ = Heavy fog, visibility .25 miles or less BLANK entries denote missing or unreported

Resultant wind is the vector sum of the wind speeds and directions divided by the number of observations.

Wind direction is recorded in tens of degrees (2 digits) clockwise from true north. '00' = calm, 'VR' = variable.

Precipitation is for the 24—hour period ending at the time indicated in the column heading.

Water Equivalent of snow on the ground is reported only when the depth is 2 or more inches.

NORMALS ARE FOR THE YEARS 1971-2000

## WEATHER NOTATIONS

QUALIFIER	WEA	WEATHER PHENOMENA	MENA
DESCRIPTOR	PRECIPITATION	OBSCURATION	ОТНЕВ
BC Patches	DZ Drizzle	BR Mist	DS Duststorm
BL Blowing	GR Hail	DU Widespread	FC Funnel Cloud
DR Low Drifting	GS Small Hail and/or Snow Pellets	Dust FG Foa	+FC Tornado Waterspout
FZ Freezing	IC Ice Crystals	FILSmoke	-III-M Od
MI Shallow	PL Ice Pellets	H7 Haza	Developed
PR Partial	RA Rain	DV Sorav	Whirls
SH Shower(s)	SG Snow Grains	CA Cand	SQ Squalls
TS Thunderstorm	SN Snow	VA Volonio Ash	SS Sandstorm
VC In the Vicinity	UP Unknown Precipitation	VA VOICALIE ASI	GL Glaze

Intensity (as indicated on pages 4 to 6):
'+' = Heavy ' = Moderate '-' = Ligh

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Ceilometer (30—second) data are used to derive cloudiness at or below 12,000 feet. This cloudiness is the mean cloud cover detected during sunrise to sunset (SR—SS), or midnight to midnight (MN—MN).

Satellite data are used to derive cloudiness above 12,000 feet. Effective Cloud Amount is based on the cloud cover and the transparency of the clouds within the satellite field of view (approx. 31x31 miles).

Sky Condition is based on the sum (not to exceed 8) of the sunrise to sunset cloud cover below and above 12,000 feet. Both ceilometer and satellite data must be present to compute Sky Condition. Clear = 0-2 oktas, Partly Cloudy = 3-6 oktas, Cloudy = 7-8 oktas.

A Heating (Cooling) Degree Day is the difference between the average daily temperature and 65 degrees F. The HDD season begins July 1, the CDD season begins January 1.

Dew Point is the temperature to which the air must be cooled to achieve 100% relative humidity. Wet Bulb is the temperature the air would have if cooled to saturation at constant pressure by evaporation of water into it. Snow Depth, Snowfall, and Sunshine data may come from nearby sites that the National Weather Service deems Climatologically representative of this site.

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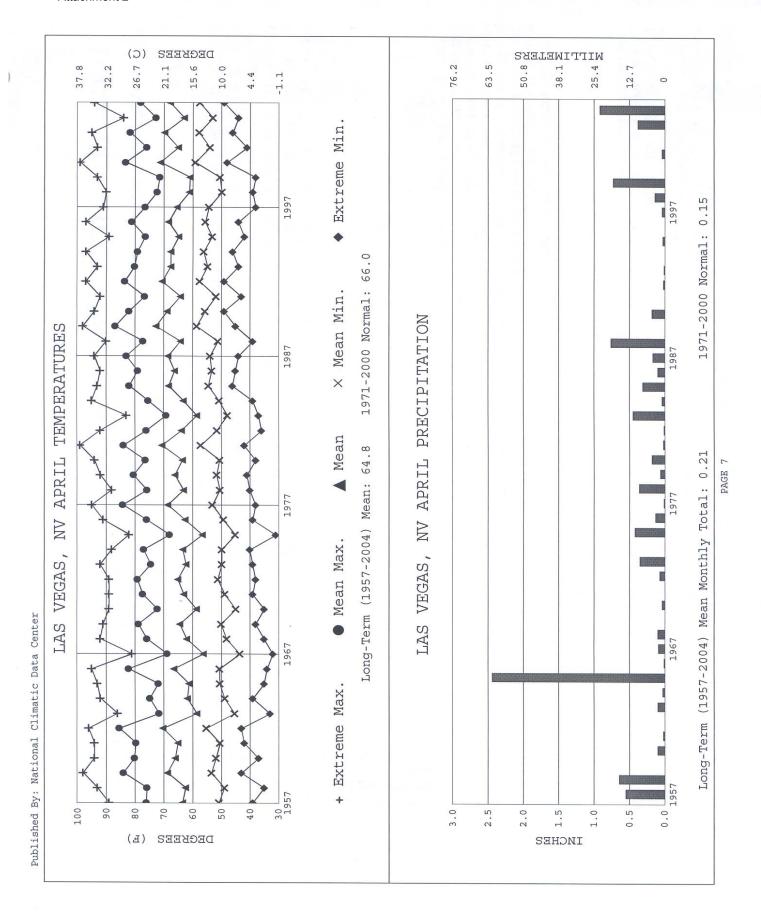
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### HIGH WIND NOTICE Attention Dust Control Permit Holders Contractors and Stationary Sources

The National Weather Service has forecast strong sustained winds in excess of 25 mph with higher gust for Wednesday, April 28, 2004.

The Department of Air Quality and Environmental Management (DAQEM) directs each permittee to immediately their site and employ Best Available Control Measures (BACM) to stabilize all disturbed soils to reduce wind blowing dust. Permittees with multiple sites should contact each site Superintendent to ensure compliance with the DAQEM Air Quality Regulations.

DAQEM Compliance Officers will inspect construction and stationary source sites during the wind episode and any observed air quality violation will receive a Notice of Violation (NOV).

Please direct questions about this Wind Advisory to a DAQEM Compliance Supervisor at 702-455-5942.



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For Immediate Release

Tuesday, April 27, 2004

#### Air Quality Advisory Issued For Wednesday

Strong Winds Predicted Wednesday Afternoon, Evening

With strong winds expected in Southern Nevada on Wednesday, Clark County Air Quality and Clark County Health District officials are advising residents and operators of local construction sites to brace for blowing dust and higher levels of PM<sub>10</sub>.

The Las Vegas office of the National Weather Service expects sustained winds of 25 to 35 miles an hour with possible gusts of 60 miles per hour by Wednesday afternoon. The winds are expected to last into the evening. Dry, windy conditions tend to make the valley's PM<sub>10</sub> problems worse. PM<sub>10</sub> stands for particulate matter, primarily dust, 10 microns or less. It's a type of inhalable air pollution that aggravates respiratory diseases such as bronchitis or asthma.

Clark County Air Quality and Health District officials say: "Under air quality advisory conditions, airborne dust may reach unhealthy levels. Children, seniors and people with chronic respiratory problems are urged to stay indoors. All residents should limit outdoor exercise".

Air Quality officials also are asking construction site operators to take steps to check and stabilize their property for blowing dust and debris as required by local air quality regulations.

The Las Vegas Valley currently does not meet the federal 24-hour air quality standard for PM<sub>10</sub>. Air Quality officials have implemented several measures to improve local air quality. including a 24-hour dust complaint hotline. Call 385-DUST (3878) to report excessive amounts of blowing dust. Officials also recommend the following tips to keep dust down:

- Drive slowly on unpaved roads.
- Don't take short cuts across vacant lots.
- Reduce wood-burning.
- Ride off-road vehicles outside the urban areas of the Las Vegas Valley.
- For information about current air quality conditions, visit the monitoring section of Air Quality's website via www.accessclarkcounty.com.

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#### **Attachment 5**



**East Craig Road (BS) Monitoring Site** 

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The Clark County Air Quality Division has issued an air quality advisory for residents with health problems to expect high winds to kick up dust today.

Children, senior citizens and people with chronic respiratory problems are urged to stay indoors, and all residents should limit outdoor exercise.

For more information about current air quality conditions, visit the monitoring section of Air Quality's Web site: www.accessclarkcounty.com.

County officials also asked those in charge of construction sites to control blowing dust and debris as required by local air quality regulations.

The National Weather Service issued a high wind advisory overnight for all of Southern Nevada because a strong cold weather front was expected to move into the area, Weather Service meteorologist Brian Fuis said.

Winds between 30 mph and 40 mph were expected this afternoon with gusts up to 60 mph or more, Fuis said.

The winds are expected to last through the night, switching from a southwest to a northwest flow on Thursday.

"This system is more consistent with an early spring windstorm," Fuis said.

March and most of April were unremarkable as far as winds, he said.

No rain is expected in the Las Vegas Valley. Most of the showers are expected to stay to the north.

A drop in daytime temperature will be noticeable on Thursday, forecasters said.

After a high of 94 degrees on Tuesday, and the low 90s expected today, Thursday's high is expected in the low 80s.

#### **Attachment 6: Las Vegas Sun Newspaper Article**

Dry, windy conditions tend to worsen the valley's dust pollution problems, county spokeswoman Stacey Welling said.

The Las Vegas Valley currently does not meet the federal 24-hour air quality limit for dust, Welling said.

To report excessive amounts of dust, there is a 24-hour dust complaint hotline. Call 385-DUST (3878) to report excessive amounts of dust.

County officials also recommended these tips to keep dust down:

- Drive slowly on unpaved roads.
- Don't take shortcuts across vacant lots.
- Reduce wood burning.
- Ride off-road vehicles outside the urban areas of the valley.

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Diana and Bobby Boone of Tucson, Ariz., brace against the wind as they pass blown-over news racks Wednesday on the Strip near Sahara Avenue. Gusts reached 40 mph at McCarran International Airport, and winds knocked out power at some locations. The wind kicked up dust that prompted the county to issue an air quality advisory. The winds will tail off today, while high temperatures drop into the low 70s.

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#### **Appendix B**

Clark County, Nevada

High-Wind Natural Event Justification Packages

2. May 11, 2004



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August 13, 2004

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Ms. Christine Robinson, Director Clark County Department of Air Quality P.O. Box 551776 Las Vegas, NV 89155-1776

Re:

May 11, 2004 High Wind PM10 Natural Event

Dear Ms. Robinson:

I have received and reviewed your agency's request, dated July 29, 2004, to flag one PM10 National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) exceedance as a high wind event. The exceedance occurred on April 28, 2004 at the East Craig monitoring site.

The documentation you provided to support the flagging of this exceedance appears complete and comprehensive. We concur with your decision to flag these data as high wind natural events. I will instruct our AQS database manager, Jim Forrest, to add the appropriate flag to this exceedance day.

Please remember that Clark County Department of Air Quality will need to develop and implement a Natural Events Action Plan (NEAP) as required by EPA's Natural Events Policy ("Areas Affected by PM-10 Natural Events", Memorandum from Mary D. Nichols, Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation to Regional Air Division Directors, May 30, 1996).

If you have any questions please contact Bob Pallarino of my staff at (415) 947-4128.

Sincerely.

Sean Hogan, Acting Manager Technical Support Office

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Christine L. Robinson, Director • Alan Pinkerton, Deputy Director • Robert Folle, Acting Assistant Director

July 29, 2004

Mr. John Kennedy, Chief Technical Support Office (Air-7) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX 75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, California 94105-3901

RE: May 11, 2004 High-Wind PM<sub>10</sub> Exceedance Event

Dear Mr. Kennedy,

Pursuant to the requirements of the U. S. EPA Memorandum on *Areas Affected by PM*<sub>10</sub> *Natural Events* dated May 30, 1996, the Clark County Department of Air Quality and Environmental Management "flagged" May 11, 2004 PM<sub>10</sub> data for one (1) monitoring site in the Las Vegas Valley. This monitor recorded exceedance of the 24-hour PM<sub>10</sub> NAAQS on this date. After reviewing the meteorological data, site conditions, and control measures in place at the time of the exceedance, Clark County concluded that these exceedances occurred due to high-wind conditions. Attached are the data sets and findings that support this conclusion.

Please confirm flagging of the high-wind natural event data and receipt of this documentation. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Russell S. Merle Jr., Senior Planner, our staff natural event coordinator at (702) 455-1662 or FAX (702) 383-9994.

Sincerely,

Robert Folle

Acting Assistant Director

Enclosure

cc: Bob Pallarino, Environmental Engineer, Technical Support Office (AIR-7) U. S. EPA, Region IX

Colleen Cripps, PhD, Bureau Chief, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP)

#### **Enclosure 1**

#### **EPA Required Documentation of Natural Event**

Subject: May 11, 2004 High-Wind Event in Clark County, Nevada

Clark County Department of Air Quality and Environmental Management (DAQEM) reviewed the data and findings related to the measured exceedances of the 24-Hour PM<sub>10</sub> NAAQS in the Las Vegas Valley, for May 11, 2004. Based on those data sets and findings, the DAQEM determined that a high-wind natural event caused this exceedance. Exceedance occurred at one (1) monitoring site within the Las Vegas Valley on this date. In accordance with the U. S. EPA Natural Events Policy Memorandum on "Areas Affected by PM<sub>10</sub> Natural Events" dated May 30, 1996 {Mary Nichols, Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation (6101)}, states are responsible for establishing a clear causal relationship between the measured exceedances and the natural event. This document sets forth the relationship between the high-wind event and the exceedance that occurred on May 11, 2004.

The documentation supporting the high-wind natural event includes: meteorological data (e.g., wind speed and wind direction); hourly PM<sub>10</sub> sampled mass compared to wind data to support a source receptor relationship; precipitation data; and photographs/maps of the area showing sources of emissions. Additional information includes local news accounts of the high-wind event and related public outreach published by the Las Vegas Sun and the Las Vegas Review Journal newspapers.

In the case of high-wind events where contributing sources of dust are anthropogenic, the state must document the application of the required BACM to those sources. This document outlines the required BACM for these sources and the County's high-wind enforcement activities on the day before and day of the high-wind event.

This documentation demonstrates that a high-wind natural event occurred on May 11, 2004. The high-wind natural event affected the specific monitoring site that recorded exceedance on that day. Exceedances of the 24-hour  $PM_{10}$  NAAQS, because of elevated concentrations of  $PM_{10}$  recorded at the monitoring site, were due to the emissions generated by the high-wind event.

During the month of July 2004, the DAQEM sent the air quality data affected by the high-wind natural event, to the U. S. EPA, for inclusion into the AIRS database. Clark County requested flagging of this data to indicate that a natural event (High-Wind Event) was involved. The sites affected by the high-wind natural event were:

1) East Craig (BS) #320030020, 4701 Mitchell St., N. Las Vegas, Nevada

The BACM applicable to the one (1) exceedance site includes Sections 90, 91, 92, 93, and 94 of the Clark County Air Quality Regulations (AQRs). These regulations require stabilization of open areas and disturbed vacant lands; stabilization of unpaved roads;

stabilization of unpaved parking lots; stabilization of paved road unpaved shoulders; and use of soil specific best management practices for construction activities. On May 10, the day before the event, eleven (11) compliance officers were active in the field on ten-hour shifts. In addition, three (3) management and administrative support staff supported the field enforcement efforts on this day. All 11 compliance officers continued enforcement activities until approximately 5:00 P.M., depending on the location. By 4:30 P.M., there was few construction sites reported as active. Inspectors made contact with 161 active construction sites. From 4:30 P.M. through 10:00 P.M., one standby officer was on duty. Three (3) dust complaints were called into the Standby Officer, and they were both addressed.

Many sites had shut down based on the faxed advisory (see Attachment 3) or other considerations. Only a few sites were not in compliance. Most contractors were aware of the advisory and, based upon their Dust Control Class training, took the appropriate measures. There were, however, fifteen (15) Corrective Action Orders (CAO's) written for failure to employ BACM and fugitive dust violations. Problems observed were: trackout; water truck operator without dust class certification; no dust control records for self inspection; no Dust Control Permit on site; no gravel pad; no Dust Control Permit; loading of materials without adequate mitigation, and saw cutting block without water.

The total number of faxes sent for this wind event was 1295. Of the 1295 sent out, 1069 were successfully sent and 226 failed. The procedure for unsuccessful batch faxes is to review the failed faxed confirmation list provided by departmental Information Technology (IT) personnel. Most of the unsuccessful faxes are to small companies that do not have dedicated fax lines. Faxes that do not transmit to any company that has three or more active Dust Control Permits, receive a follow-up call from department compliance staff to verify the fax number for a manual resend of the fax. This is usually successful, but if not, the company's landline is called in an attempt to remedy the situation. At a minimum, the dust advisory fax is read aloud over the phone.

Compliance Section Staff conducted follow up inspections to assure compliance with Air Quality Regulations at those sites that received a CAO. DAQEM Compliance Officers issued three (3) Notices of Violation (NOV) to: 1) J. A. Tiberti at the Orleans Hotel construction site for fugitive dust crossing property line, failure to employ BACM and no record of self inspection; 2) C & L Development, Inc. at the Catania Plaza construction site for exceeding acreage, no record of self inspection, no copy of Dust Control Permit on site and water truck operators without Dust Control Certification; and 3) The Orleans construction project for failure to obtain a permit and failure to employ BACM. The hearing dates are pending.

All enforcement activity occurred within twenty-four (24) hours of the High-Wind Event. DAQEM believes this enhanced NEAP enforcement activity reduced the potential for exceedances of the 24-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for  $PM_{10}$  throughout the Las Vegas Valley. The three-hour High-Wind Event occurred in the late evening. All construction activity had ceased, minimal population exposure occurred during the high concentrations of  $PM_{10}$  experienced at the Craig Road Monitoring site, in

North Las Vegas (surrounding environment are warehouses, batch plants and other activities not in operation during the time of the event) on May 11, 2004.

The DAQEM is not aware of any other construction site operators that failed to curtail construction actives in accordance with the high-wind provisions of Section 94 of the Air Quality Regulations on this exceedance day.

Table 1 provides a summary of the Monitoring sites with data and wind speeds meeting the criteria to qualify as a high-wind event exceedance.

Table 1 High Wind Event 24-Hour  $PM_{10}$  NAAQS Exceedance Data

Monitoring Site Location & AIRS Code	Date of High Wind Event	Measured QA/QC Concentration (μg/m³)	Wind Dir.	Max. Wind Gust (mph)
East Craig (BS) #320030020	5/11/04	283	NNW	49

#### **Analysis of Data:**

Data supplied as Attachment 1, include data sets for the day before the high-wind event; day of the high-wind event; and the day after the high-wind event for comparison. The data sheets clearly establish the high-wind event occurred on May 11, 2004 between the hours of approximately 9:00 PM and 12:00 PM. The wind direction was predominantly from the North by Northwest, with peak gusts of 49 mph, and sustained two-minute winds of 37 mph {National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), data sheet – Attachment 2}. The majority of the Monitoring Station's average hourly wind speeds shown in Attachment 1, ranged from 18.4 to 38.3 miles per hour throughout the high-wind event. Attachment 2 is the MET data sheet from the NOAA, Climatic Data Center.

Southern Nevada continues to experience extreme drought, as of May 11, 2004 the Las Vegas Valley, according to the National Weather Service records, received only 2.62 inches of measurable precipitation. The absence of moisture/precipitation increased the amount of fugitive dust generated from native desert during the high-wind event. Attachment 5 shows the monitoring site and the surrounding environment subject to the exceedances on the high-wind event day. Wind gusts exceeding the 25-mile per hour threshold, as discussed in the June 2001 PM<sub>10</sub> State Implementation Plan (SIP) for Clark County (Appendix B, Emissions Inventories, Page B-21) overwhelmed the native desert environment and stabilized vacant land areas. Attachment 4 is the News Release ("Air Quality Advisory Issued for Dust" – Strong Winds With 45-mile-Per-Hour Gust Predicted for Today) sent out by the Clark County Public Information Office prior to the High-Wind Event. Attachments 6 and 7 are newspaper articles from the Las Vegas Sun

newspaper and the Las Vegas Review Journal newspapers that discuss high-wind event related public outreach and high-wind effects on the Las Vegas Valley.

The Clark County Department of Air Quality and Environmental Management requests, based on the evidence of a high-wind natural event enclosed in this documentation; that the U. S. EPA Region IX support the flagging of the exceedances in AIRS.

Attachments: 1 - DAQEM Monitoring Data Sheet(s)

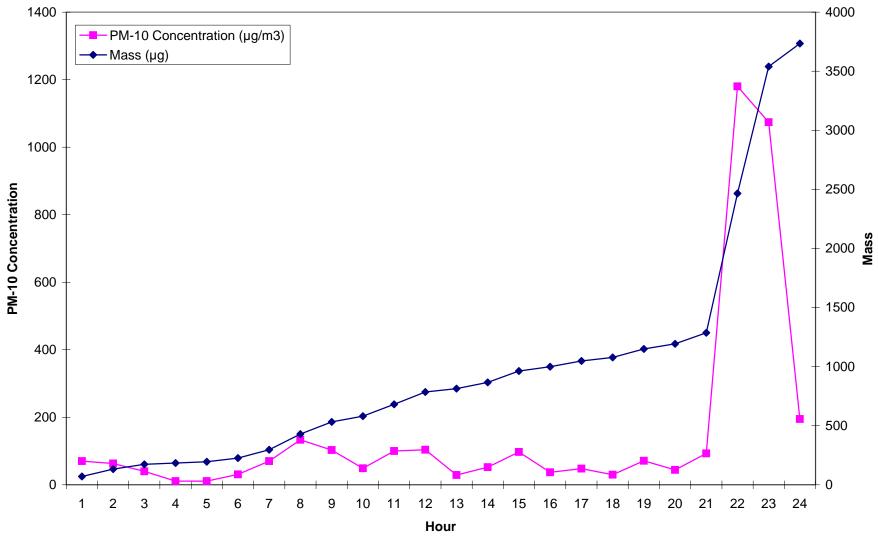
- 2 NOAA Data Sheet(s)
- 3 FAX Notice
- 4 News Release by Clark County Public Information Office
- 5 East Craig (BS) Monitoring Site
- 6 Las Vegas Sun newspaper articles
- 7 Las Vegas Review Journal articles

#### East Craig Road - 2003

East Craig Road - 2003											
Site	Month	Day	Hour	Wind Speed (MPH)	Wind Direction (0-360°)	PM-10 Concentration µg/M <sup>3</sup>	PM-10 Mass μg				
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BS	5	10	13	22.6	223	261	999				
BS	5	10	14	21.7	228	134	1130				
BS	5	10	15	19.2	238	73	1205				
BS	5	10	16	20.3	245	70	1277				
BS	5	10	17	27.6	231	172	1458				
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East Craig Road (32-003-0020) May 11, 2004

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### SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMARIES REFERENCE NOTES &

\* = Extreme for the month (last occurence if more than one)

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FG+ = Heavy fog, visibility .25 miles or less BLANK entries denote missing or unreported

Resultant wind is the vector sum of the wind speeds and directions divided by the number of observations.

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Precipitation is for the 24—hour period ending at the time indicated in the column heading.

Water Equivalent of snow on the ground is reported only when the depth is 2 or more

NORMALS ARE FOR THE YEARS 1971-2000

## WEATHER NOTATIONS

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BL Blowing	GR Hail	DU Widespread	FC Funnel Cloud
DR Low Drifting	GS Small Hail and/or Snow Pellets	FG Fod	+FC Tornado Watersoout
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MI Shallow	PL Ice Pellets	HZ Haze	
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SH Shower(s)	SG Snow Grains	SA Sand	SQ Squalls
TS Thunderstorm	SN Snow	VA Volcanic Ash	SS Sandstorm
VC in the Vicinity	UP Unknown Precipitation		GL Glaze

### LAS VEGAS, NV **MAY 2004**

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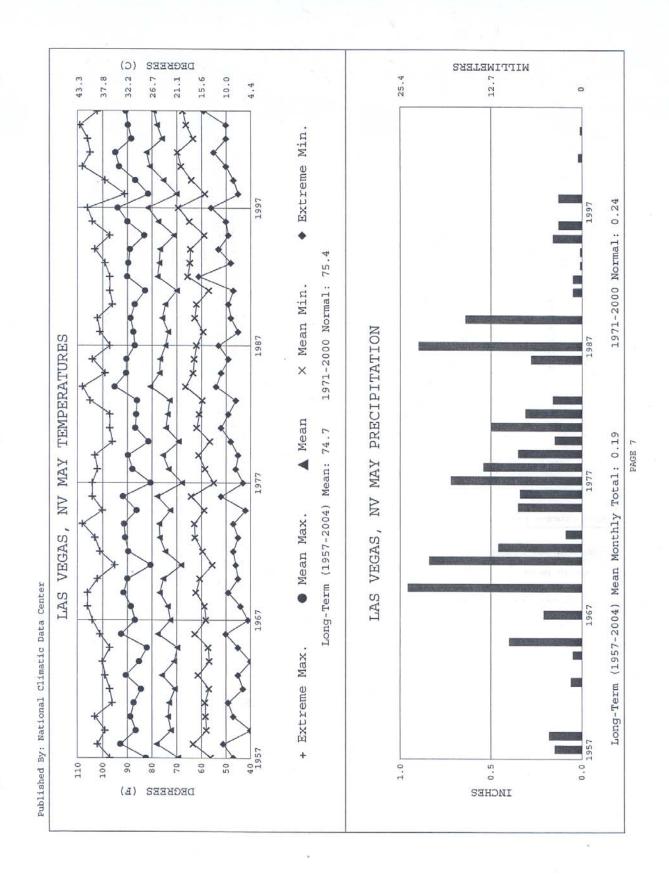
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### HIGH WIND NOTICE Attention Dust Control Permit Holders Contractors and Stationary Sources

The National Weather Service has forecast strong sustained winds in excess of 25 mph with gust of 45 mph, are expected for Monday, May 10, 2004.

The Department of Air Quality and Environmental Management (DAQEM) directs each permittee to immediately their site and employ Best Available Control Measures (BACM) to stabilize all disturbed soils to reduce wind blowing dust. Permittees with multiple sites should contact each site Superintendent to ensure compliance with the DAQEM Air Quality Regulations.

DAQEM Compliance Officers will inspect construction and stationary source sites during the wind episode and any observed air quality violation will receive a Notice of Violation (NOV).

Please direct questions about this Wind Advisory to a DAQEM Compliance Supervisor at 702-455-5942.



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For Immediate Release

Monday, May 10, 2004

#### Air Quality Advisory Issued For Dust

Strong Winds With 45-Mile-Per-Hour Gusts Predicted Today

With strong winds expected in Southern Nevada throughout most of the day, Clark County Air Quality officials are advising residents and operators of local construction sites to brace for blowing dust and higher levels of PM-10.

The Las Vegas office of the National Weather Service has a wind advisory in effect through late this evening. Sustained winds of 25 to 35 miles an hour with gusts of 45 mile per hours are expected in the valley. Dry, windy conditions tend to make the valley's PM-10 problems worse. PM-10 stands for particulate matter, primarily dust, 10 microns or less. It's a type of inhalable air pollution that aggravates respiratory diseases such as bronchitis or asthma.

Under air quality advisory conditions, children, seniors and people with chronic respiratory problems are urged to stay indoors. All residents should limit outdoor exercise.

As part of today's advisory, officials also are notifying construction site operators to take steps to check and stabilize their property for blowing dust and debris as required by local air quality regulations. The Las Vegas Valley currently does not meet the federal 24-hour air quality standard for PM-10. Air Quality officials have implemented several measures to improve local air quality, including a 24-hour dust complaint hotline. Call 385-DUST (3878) to report excessive amounts of blowing dust. Officials also recommend the following tips to keep dust down:

- Drive slowly on unpaved roads.
- Don't take short cuts across vacant lots.
- Reduce fireplace wood-burning.
- Ride off-road vehicles outside the urban areas of the Las Vegas Valley.
- For information about current air quality conditions, visit the monitoring section of Air Quality's website via <a href="https://www.accessclarkcounty.com">www.accessclarkcounty.com</a>.

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### County launching latest anti-dust campaign

By Ed Koch

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LAS VEGAS SUN

With one unhealthy day caused by dust last month and threats Monday of another because of high winds, Clark County officials today were to kick off their latest anti-dust campaign to try to cut down on the pollutant in the Las Vegas Valley.

The campaign is aimed at educating residents about what causes dust problems and what can be done to avoid them -- suggestions as simple as: Do not drive on unpaved road shoulders and avoid walking across vacant, dirt-covered lots.

The Environmental Protection Agency designated the Las Vegas Valley as a "serious non-attainment area" for dust in 1993. Last week the EPA approved the county's plan to clean up the air by 2006.

"We want to keep the desert crust undisturbed," said Bob Folle, compliance manager at the county's Department of Air Quality and Environmental Management. "We are working closely with the construction industry and have received cooperation with dust control management."

There's only so much that people in Clark County can control, however. On Monday Clark County Air Quality issued an air quality advisory for dust because winds of 25 to 35 mph and gusts of 45 mph were expected.

Only the Apex air monitoring station in the northeast corner of Clark County, beyond the Las Vegas Valley, reached an unhealthy level of ozone yesterday, and then only for sensitive groups. Several other stations, however, peaked close to that level.

"We've noticed that high winds and high ozones go hand in hand," Koswan said.

Authorities are still studying the connection, but the wind may cause the air to mix with pollutants and create additional ozone, he said.

Other pollutants remained at moderate levels Tuesday, Koswan said.

Folle said in such "high-wind events," the Environmental Protection Agency will not penalize the county for unhealthy readings on valley pollution monitoring stations as long as the county has done all it can do to prevent earth disturbances that add to problems the winds kick up.

That is because of the EPA's approval of the dust control plan.

The plan requires the county to issue news releases as it did Monday for high winds. It also must send wind advisory faxes to 1,200 construction firms.

Firms that do not comply are issued citations, Folle said.

"We are a front-runner on enforcement with some of the most rigorous rules in the country for dust," Folle said.

The only unhealthy day for dust this year was April 28, Folle said. There were four unhealthy days for dust last year.

The consequences for non-attainment include the potential loss of millions of dollars in federal highway funds, not to mention potential significant public health problems.

Dust "can affect the respiratory system and cause problems for children with asthma, the elderly and adults with obstructive pulmonary or lung diseases," such as bronchitis and emphysema, Clark County Health District Chief Health Officer Dr. Donald Kwalik, said.

"Also, healthy people, including long-distance runners and tennis players, should avoid strenuous activity during an air quality advisory because they, too, can suffer symptoms, including difficulty breathing."

The new anti-dust campaign will feature the character "Dusty the Dusthole" in 30-second TV commercials and ads in newspapers that will focus on efforts to keep vacant lands undisturbed. Recommendations in the ads include riding off-road vehicles outside urban areas.

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**THE** sun glares off the side of the Luxor as high winds stir up dust, causing hazy conditions around the valley Monday. Only the air monitor near Apex showed unhealthy levels.

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#### \$150,000 ad blitz tries to settle dust

Campaign enlists public in cutting pollution

By KEITH ROGERS REVIEW-JOURNAL

Two weeks

after strong winds blew dust to unhealthful levels in the Las Vegas Valley, local air quality officials launched a public awareness campaign Tuesday in hopes of combating the problem.

The \$150,000 media blitz that features a character called "Dusty the dusthole" in 30-second television commercials and "break crust, raise dust" newspaper advertisements is part of Clark County's strategy to inform the public about how to prevent dust pollution.

The awareness campaign is among tools the Department of Air Quality Management is counting on to show the Environmental Protection Agency it is doing everything possible to demonstrate compliance under a plan the EPA approved this month.

Under that plan, the Las Vegas Valley must not violate the federal, 24-hour standard for dust more than three times



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through 2006. If it does, the county could face federal sanctions including the eventual loss of millions of dollars in federal highway funding. The plan targets airborne particulate matter smaller than the diameter of a human hair.

"The EPA's approval of our plan means the EPA believes we will do what we said we will do," said Clark County Commissioner Rory Reid.

Reid, joined by Air Quality
Management Department
Director Christine Robinson and
the Health District chief, Dr.
Donald Kwalick, said the ads are
aimed at persuading motorists
not to stir up dust when driving
on unpaved roads, shoulders and
across vacant lots. Of particular
concern is breaking the desert's
crust that keeps fine, dust
particles in place on windy days.

Winds gusting to 44 mph on April 28 triggered a violation of the 24-hour standard at the Craig Road monitoring station. Robinson said her staff will try to convince the EPA that a natural event, persistent high winds, caused the violation and it should not count against the county.

She listed a number of factors she hopes will show the EPA that the county is doing everything possible to prevent violations, including:

- Paving all dirt roads in the valley since 2001 that log 150 vehicle trips per day or more;
- Requiring 12,000 construction site employees to take dust control classes since 1997;

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• Conducting 7,029 compliance inspections at construction sites and vacant lots last year.

Robinson said the effort appears to be working because construction activities were blamed on 36 percent of the valley's dust problem in 1998 but only 27 percent in 2001.

The biggest source is dust from vacant land, which accounts for 36 percent of the problem, according to the air quality officials.

Robinson hopes the public awareness campaign will have similar results to one last fall featuring the character, Dusty. The number of calls to a dust enforcement hot line tripled during that campaign.



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