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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Update on Use of PM_{2.5} Continuous FEMS

FROM: Richard A. Wayland, Director *Richard A. Wayland*
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TO: Regional Air Division Directors

Enclosed find a document titled Instructions and Template for Requesting that data from PM_{2.5} Continuous FEMs are not compared to the NAAQS. Please pass along this email and attached file to your staff responsible for working with monitoring agencies on their annual monitoring network plans and/or PM_{2.5} continuous FEMs. Also, feel free to have your staff forward this information to monitoring agencies who may be interested in this process.

The file provides details and a template associated with the recently finalized PM NAAQS rule change (78 FR 3086) allowing monitoring agencies to request setting aside PM_{2.5} continuous FEM data under certain conditions. This information will be covered with Regional Office Technical staff on this month's Regional Monitoring call as well as a planned technical call with States later this month. For any questions, please contact Tim Hanley in the Ambient Air Monitoring Group of my division. Tim may be reached by phone at (919) 541-4417 or by email at hanley.tim@epa.gov.

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