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TO: Members of the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory

FROM: Lindy Bauer, Environmental Manager

SUBJECT: EPA PROPOSES MODERATE AREA PM-10 FEDERAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR UNPAVED ROADS, VACANT LOTS, AND PARKING LOTS

On April 1, 1998, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published the proposed Moderate Area PM-10 Federal Implementation Plan for the Maricopa nonattainment area. The federal plan includes a fugitive dust control rule to control PM-10 emissions from vacant lots, unpaved parking lots and unpaved roads. It also addresses PM-10 emissions from agriculture. As ordered by the court, the federal plan will be finalized by July 18, 1998.

In addition, the notice contains a proposed disapproval of the impracticability (1994 attainment impracticability) and reasonably available control measure demonstrations. Once the disapproval action is finalized, the eighteen-month sanction clock will be triggered. The final action is anticipated by July 18, 1998.

A public workshop and hearing will be conducted by EPA in Phoenix on Thursday, April 16, 1998. The workshop is from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Phoenix Corporate Center Auditorium, 3003 North Central Avenue, Phoenix. There will be two public hearing sessions at the same location: Day Session — 12:00 noon to 4:30 p.m. Evening session — 7:00 p.m. Written comments will be received by EPA until May 18, 1998. A copy of the April 1, 1998 Federal Register notice and EPA fact sheet are attached.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 254-6300.