

APPENDIX A

INITIAL NOTIFICATION AND DATA FLAGGING

**HOUSTON-GALVESTON-BRAZORIA EXCEPTIONAL EVENT
DEMONSTRATION FOR THE 1-HOUR OZONE EXCEEDANCE AT
THE HOUSTON EAST MONITOR ON MAY 18, 2023**

JUNE 30, 2026

**TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
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A copy of the initial notification letter sent to EPA Region 6 is provided on the following page.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

March 11, 2026

Melanie Magee
Acting Branch Chief, Air Permitting, Monitoring, and Grants
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region 6
1201 Elm Street, Suite 500 (MC 6ARP)
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VIA EMAIL

Subject: Initial Notification of a Potential Exceptional Event

Dear Ms. Magee:

This letter serves as formal notification that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) will develop and submit a demonstration to exclude 2023 Ozone air monitoring data influenced by exceptional events pursuant to 40 CFR Parts 50 and 51. This demonstration will address the following exceptional event for Ozone (parameter 44201):

Date	Monitor	Type of Event	AQS Flag	Exceedance Concentration
May 18, 2023	482011034	Fire - Canadian	rf	0.125 ppm

The data requested for exclusion have regulatory significance and affect the regulatory determinations concerning the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria (HGB) area for the 1979 1-hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard. TCEQ looks forward to working with EPA Region 6 on the demonstration.

If you need additional information, please contact Shantha Daniel at shantha.daniel@tceq.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

Donna F. Huff
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Donna F. Huff, Deputy Director
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Cc: Joshua Madden, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region 6
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