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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Implementation of the PM_{2.5} Ambient Monitoring Network

FROM: Richard D. Wilson (*original signed by Dick Wilson*)
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TO: Regional Administrator, Regions I - X

Earlier this year, Fred Hansen requested that you provide our office with your regional strategy for deploying, operating, and quality assuring the PM_{2.5} network. The purpose of this memo is to thank you for your comprehensive replies to that request of February 2, 1998, and to remind you of the upcoming milestones on network descriptions.

You may recall that particulate matter monitoring descriptions are due from the State and local agencies on July 1, 1998. Your responses, along with status reports from the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, indicate that we can expect to meet this goal. Each Region has also committed to reviewing and approving these network descriptions by July 31, 1998. These are critical steps to ensure that States and local air quality agencies are prepared to establish and operate the 1500 site PM_{2.5} monitoring network by January 1, 2000.

We recognize that there are many more challenges ahead for the PM_{2.5} monitoring program, and are appreciative of your efforts to ensure that the upcoming milestones are met.

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