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Rebecca and Steve-

The purpose of this email is to request that we be able to use 1999 meteorological data for the CALPUFF modeling of the TA-16 OB units. Unfortunately we are still having issues in our quest to get the modeling done. We are having trouble with the meteorology data. We were under the impression that we had access to the CALMET usable files for calendar year 1995. That isn't the case, as we no longer have access to the person that processed the raw data into CALMET. We have the files for 1999, not 1995. The files for 1995 cannot be found within his files that are in our possession and apparently the effort that goes into reprocessing data is a large and a long process. The time needed to get a contract in place with this person is estimated to be at least 4 months.

NM AQB is in the process of changing from 1995 meteorological data to 2006 data for AIRMOD in response to public comment that the 1995 data are too old. However, we do not know how long this process will take them or if the data will be usable in CALMET at that time. We would like to use the 1999 meteorological data because it will not be possible to get the 1995 or 2006 data formatted in time for submittal of the modeling results during the draft permit review period. We're committed to moving the model runs forward and are sorry for the delay; we did not expect it to take this long, nor would it have if we had the experienced person still available to us.

If you have any questions please give me a call at 665-3435.

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