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Reply:

We appreciate your notice on our statement for Code and Data availability. We reviewed the policy of this journal, and fully revised the code availability statement as follows.

Code availability

The CMAQ version 5.2 are available from https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.1167892 (United States Environmental Protection Agency, 2017).

We also added the appropriate reference as follows.

Reference:

United States Environmental Protection Agency: CMAQ (Version 5.2) [Software], Zenodo, https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.1167892, 2017.

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