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May 24, 2007

Anne Gobin, Chief
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RE: Adequacy Status of Transportation Conformity Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets.

Dear Ms. Gobin:

By letter dated April 17, 2007, the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (CT DEP) submitted to EPA its State Implementation Plan (SIP) Revision for Establishment of Interim Progress for the Fine Particle National Ambient Air Quality Standard and early fine particulate (PM_{2.5}) transportation conformity emission budgets. The SIP revision identified year 2009 annual direct PM_{2.5} and annual nitrogen oxides (NO_x) motor vehicle emissions budgets associated with the Interim/Early Progress SIP. The annual year 2009 motor vehicle emissions budgets for the Connecticut portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT PM_{2.5} Area are 360 tons per year of direct PM_{2.5} and 18,279 tons per year of NO_x.

EPA posted an announcement of availability on EPA's adequacy website¹, on April 19, 2007, for Connecticut's State Implementation Plans containing 2009 MOBILE6.2 Direct PM_{2.5} and NO_x motor vehicle emissions budgets. The SIP revision was made available for public viewing at both the EPA New England Regional Office and at the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection's Bureau of Air Management Office. In addition, the SIP plan was made available on the CT DEP website². No comments were received during the 30 day adequacy comment period.

EPA New England has determined the MOBILE6.2 2009 motor vehicle emissions budgets submitted on April 17, 2007, to be adequate for transportation conformity purposes. Please see table below:

¹ <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/currships.htm>

² http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2684&q=331234&depNav_GID=1619

Adequate Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets		
	Direct PM _{2.5} (tons per year)	NOx (tons per year)
Year 2009 MVEBs for the Connecticut portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT PM _{2.5} Area.	360	18,279

These conformity budgets will become effective for conformity determinations 15 days after EPA publishes an announcement of this adequacy determination in the Federal Register. We will be publishing the Federal Register notice announcing our adequacy finding in the near future.

If you or your staff would like to discuss this further, please contact Donald Cooke of my staff at (617) 918-1668.

Sincerely,



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