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We've described our process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP budgets in guidance (May 14, 1999 memo titled "Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999 Conformity Court Decision"). We followed this guidance in making our adequacy determination.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

Dated: May 31, 2000.

**Jeanne M. Fox,**

*Regional Administrator, Region 2.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[Region II Docket No. NY 36-201 FRL-6712-9]

### Adequacy Status of the Submitted 2007 Attainment Demonstration for the Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Transportation Conformity Purposes for the New York State Portion of the New York-New Jersey-Connecticut Severe Ozone Nonattainment Area

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of adequacy.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice, EPA is notifying the public that we have found that the motor vehicle emissions budgets for volatile organic compounds and nitrogen oxides in the submitted 2007 ozone attainment demonstration for the New York State portion of the New York-New Jersey-Connecticut severe nonattainment area for ozone to be adequate for conformity purposes. On March 2, 1999, the D.C. Circuit Court ruled that submitted state implementation plans (SIPs) cannot be used for conformity determinations until EPA has affirmatively found them adequate. As a result of our finding, the New York State portion of the New York-New Jersey-Connecticut severe nonattainment area for ozone can use the motor vehicle emissions budgets for volatile organic compounds and nitrogen oxides from the submitted 2007 attainment demonstration for ozone for

future conformity determinations. These budgets are effective June 26, 2000.

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The finding and the response to comments will be available at EPA's conformity website: <http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq>, (once there, click on the "Conformity" button, then look for "Adequacy Review of SIP Submissions for Conformity").

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

Today's notice is simply an announcement of a finding that we have already made. EPA Region 2 sent a letter to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation on May 31, 2000 stating that the motor vehicle emissions budgets in the submitted 2007 attainment demonstration for the New York State portion of the New York-New Jersey-Connecticut severe nonattainment area for ozone are adequate for conformity purposes. This finding will also be announced on EPA's conformity website: <http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq>, (once there, click on the "Conformity" button, then look for "Adequacy Review of SIP Submissions for Conformity").

Transportation conformity is required by section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act. EPA's conformity rule requires that transportation plans, programs, and projects conform state air quality implementation plans (SIPs) and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they do. Conformity to a SIP means that transportation activities will not produce new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the national ambient air quality standards.

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### Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

*Responsible Agency:* Office of Federal Activities, General Information, (202) 564-7167 or [www.epa.gov/oecea/ofa](http://www.epa.gov/oecea/ofa)

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

Filed May 29, 2000 Through June 02, 2000

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

*EIS No. 000170, Draft Supplement, FHWA, WA, North Spokane Freeway Project, Improvements Transportation through the City of Spokane and Spokane County between I-90, Spokane County, WA, Due: July 24, 2000, Contact: Gene Fong (360) 753-9480.*

*EIS No. 000171, Draft EIS, AFS, WY, State of Wyoming School Section 16 T.12N., R.83W., 6th P.M., Issuing a Forest Road Special-Use-Permit for Access, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests, Brush Creek/Hayden Ranger District, Carbon County, WY, Due: July 24, 2000, Contact: John Baumchen (307) 326-2500.*

*EIS No. 000172, Final EIS, AFS, MT, Swamp Timber Sales Project, Implementation, Kootenai National Forest, Fortine Ranger District, Lincoln County, MT, Due: July 10, 2000, Contact: Edward C. Monning (406) 882-4451.*

*EIS No. 000173, Final EIS, AFS, MN, Gunflint Corridor Fuel Reduction, Implementation, Superior National Forest, Gunflint Ranger District, Cook County, MN, Due: July 10, 2000, Contact: Becky Bartol (218) 387-1750.*

*EIS No. 000174, Draft EIS, SFW, NV, Clark County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan, Issuance of a Permit to Allow Incidental Take-of-79 Species, Clark County, NV, Due: July 24, 2000, Contact: Ben Harrison (503) 231-2068.*

*EIS No. 000175, Draft EIS, IBR, CA, Colusa Basin Drainage District, Developing an Integrated Resource Management Program for the Control*