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Bradley Campbell, Commissioner
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Dear Commissioner Campbell,

On January 15, 2002 New Jersey submitted a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision for the Attainment and Maintenance of the Carbon Monoxide (CO) National Ambient Air Quality Standards, which included a redesignation request and maintenance plan for the New Jersey Portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island CO Nonattainment Area. In addition, this SIP also contained transportation conformity budgets for CO for the years 2007 and 2014 for the New Jersey moderate CO nonattainment area.

A March 2, 1999 decision by the D.C. Circuit Court requires that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conduct a public process and make an affirmative decision on the adequacy of transportation conformity budgets before they can be used by metropolitan planning organizations in conformity determinations. This letter is to inform you that we have completed the required public comment period on the adequacy of the transportation conformity budgets. In accordance with the procedures and criteria for determining adequacy as outlined in the transportation conformity rule [(40 CFR 93.118(e)(4)], we are finding the 2007 and 2014 CO mobile source emissions budgets adequate for Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Passaic, and Union counties in the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, and must be used in future conformity determinations. These budgets are summarized below:

Conformity Budgets		
(tpd)	2007	2014
CO	492.41	490.45

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.

In regards to the status of New Jersey's CO redesignation request and maintenance plan, EPA is reviewing the April 2, 2002 letter from your staff which provides response to several remaining questions we had concerning the SIP revision. We will be publishing our final action on the SIP revision in the Federal Register in the near future.

If you have further question, please feel free to have your staff contact Kathleen C. Callahan, Director of the Division of Environmental Planning and Protection at (212) 637-3725.

Sincerely,



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