

May 19, 2003

Bradley Campbell, Commissioner
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
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Dear Commissioner Campbell,

On April 8, 2003 New Jersey submitted a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision for the Attainment and Maintenance of the 1-hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard, which included revised motor vehicle emission inventories and motor vehicle emissions budgets using the MOBILE6 model. These revised motor vehicle emissions budgets apply to the New Jersey portions of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island and Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton ozone nonattainment areas.

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 updated attainment year budgets for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and nitrogen oxides (NOx) for the thirteen counties in the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, and the 2005 updated attainment year budgets for VOCs and NOx for the four counties in the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization and the four counties in the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Council adequate for transportation conformity purposes. These revised budgets must be used in future conformity determinations. These budgets are summarized below:

Transportation Planning Area	Attainment year	VOC (tpd)	NOx (tpd)
North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA)	2007	138.77	197.19
South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization (SJTPO)	2005	22.12	36.36
Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC)	2005	42.99	63.44

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.

Although New Jersey's April 8, 2003 submittal also included revised reasonable further progress (RFP) budgets for NJTPA, EPA's adequacy finding only applies to the revised attainment year budgets. This is consistent with EPA's approval of the previous MOBILE5 budgets on February 4, 2002 (67 FR 5152), which limited the adequacy process to only the revised attainment year budgets. The revised 2005 RFP budgets for NJTPA will not be available for use in conformity determinations until after EPA publishes a final rulemaking on the April 8, 2003 submittal. In regards to the status of New Jersey's April 8, 2003 submittal, we published a Federal Register notice on May 3, 2003 proposing to approve New Jersey's SIP revision.

If you have further question, please feel free to have your staff contact Mr. Raymond Werner, Chief of the Air Programs Branch, at (212) 637-3706.

Sincerely,

[signed by]

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