

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 2

Mr. Robert Shinn
Commissioner
New Jersey Department
of Environmental Protection
401 East Street
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Dear Mr. Shinn:

On August 31, 1998 New Jersey submitted its Phase 2 State Implementation Plan (SIP) in order to demonstrate attainment of the one-hour ozone standard. On August 6, 1999 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sent John Elston a letter notifying him that we intended to find the motor vehicle emissions budget inadequate for the two severe ozone nonattainment areas due to a lack of an inclusion of an emissions budget. This letter is to inform you that we have completed the required public comment period on the adequacy of the transportation conformity budgets and we are finding them to be inadequate for transportation conformity purposes.

I realize your staff is currently working on developing the emissions budget and we look forward to receiving these documents in the near future. If you have any further questions, please feel free to have your staff contact Kathleen Callahan, Director of the Division of Environmental Planning and Protection at 212-637-3725.

Sincerely,

Jeanne M. Fox,
Regional Administrator

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