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Ms. Anne Gobin, Interim Bureau Chief
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Dear Ms. Gobin:

On July 17, 2003, the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (CT DEP) submitted to EPA its recalculated 2007 motor vehicle emission budgets for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and nitrogen oxides (NOx) for the state's two ozone nonattainment areas. CT DEP submitted these MOBILE6.2 budgets as replacement for its MOBILE5b 2007 motor vehicle emission budgets which were approved as components of Connecticut's attainment demonstration for the one-hour ozone standard for its two ozone nonattainment areas. The recalculated MOBILE6.2 budgets are 16.4 tons per summer day (tpsd) for VOC and 29.7 tpsd for NOx in the Connecticut portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island severe ozone nonattainment area, and 51.9 tpsd for VOC and 98.4 tpsd for NOx in the Greater Connecticut serious ozone nonattainment area.

EPA posted an announcement of availability on EPA's adequacy website, (**http://www.epa.gov/otaq/transp/conform/currsips.htm**) on December 5, 2003, for Connecticut's State Implementation Plan containing 2007 motor vehicle emission budgets recalculated using the MOBILE6.2 model for the Connecticut portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island severe ozone nonattainment area and the Greater Connecticut serious ozone nonattainment area. This 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 internet at: **http://www.dep.state.ct.us/air2/siprac/2003/ozonesip.pdf** . No comments were received during the 30 day adequacy comment period.

EPA New England has determined the recalculated MOBILE6.2 2007 budgets submitted on June 17, 2003 to be adequate for transportation conformity purposes.

	Connecticut portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island severe ozone nonattainment area		Greater Connecticut serious ozone nonattainment area	
Year	VOC (tons per summer day)	NOx (tons per summer day)	VOC (tons per summer day)	NOx (tons per summer day)
2007	16.4	29.7	51.9	98.4

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 me at (617) 918-1661.

Sincerely,

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