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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Bart Sponseller, Director
Air Management Program
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
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Dear Mr. Sponseller:

On January 16, 2015, the State of Wisconsin submitted an Early Progress Plan (EPP) for Kenosha and Sheboygan Counties. These plans include year 2015 Mobile Vehicle Emissions Budgets (MVEBs) for volatile organic compounds (VOC) and oxides of nitrogen (NO_x). Pursuant to Section 93.118(e)(4) of the Transportation Conformity Rule (40 C.F.R. Part 93, Subpart A), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the MVEBs for adequacy.

The conformity rule spells out limited technical and administrative criteria that are used to determine adequacy of submitted MVEBs for transportation conformity purposes. We have determined that the MVEBs for Kenosha and Sheboygan Counties are adequate. A comment period on the MVEBs adequacy was held, via a posting to EPA's web site, on February 6, 2015. The comment period closed on March 9, 2015 and no comments were received. This adequacy finding means that the submitted MVEBs for VOC and NO_x for Kenosha and Sheboygan Counties can be used to determine conformity for a transportation improvement program or long-range transportation plan.

Please note that this adequacy finding does not relate to the merits of the State Implementation Plan (SIP) submittal, nor does it indicate whether the submittal meets the requirements for approval. It is completely separate from the EPA's subsequent rulemaking action on the EPP SIP revision and should not be used to prejudge the EPA's approval or disapproval of the SIP revision.

The EPA will announce the adequacy determination in the Federal Register. The adequacy determination will become effective 15 days after publication. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Leslie, of my staff, at 312-353-6680.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Mooney".

John Mooney
Chief
Air Programs Branch