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Jared Snyder, Deputy Commissioner
Office of Air Resources, Climate Change & Energy
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway
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Dear Commissioner Snyder:

On November 10, 2017, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation submitted a state implementation plan (SIP) revision for the New York portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT, 2008 8-hour ozone nonattainment area. This revision to the SIP included 2017 summer day volatile organic compound (VOC) and nitrogen oxides (NOx) motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEB) associated with the SIP's reasonable further progress demonstration.

The transportation conformity rule (40 C.F.R. Part 93) requires that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conduct a public process and make an affirmative decision on the adequacy of motor vehicle emissions budgets before they can be used by metropolitan planning organizations in transportation conformity determinations. We announced availability of the plan and related budgets on the EPA's transportation conformity web site on December 6, 2017 (https://www.epa.gov/state-and-local-transportation/state-implementation-plans-sip-submissions-currently-under-epa#newyork-nj-li), requesting comments by January 5, 2018. We received no comments in response to the adequacy review posting. The budgets are summarized below:

Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets

Year	VOC (tons per day)	NOx (tons per day)
2017	65.69	117.21

This letter transmits our decision that the 2017 MVEBs contained in the 8-hour ozone SIP submission for the New York portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT area are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. After reviewing the SIP, we have preliminarily determined that the submitted MVEBs are consistent with the required rate of progress plan for this area.

EPA continues to review the submitted SIP for approvability. Nothing in this adequacy finding should be construed as prejudging the eventual outcome of our on-going review of this SIP submittal. A copy of this letter will soon be posted online at http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/adequacy.htm. We will also announce the adequacy finding in the Federal Register announcement.

If you have further questions, please feel free to have your staff contact Hannah Greenberg, of my staff, at (212) 637-3829.

Sincerely,

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