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Robert R. Scott, Director
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RE: Adequacy Status of Transportation Conformity Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets

Dear Mr. Scott:

By letter dated May 28, 2008, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NH DES) submitted to EPA its Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets (MVEBs) for the Boston-Manchester-Portsmouth (Southeast) New Hampshire 8-hour Ozone Area. This State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision identifies 2009 summer day volatile organic compound (VOC) and nitrogen oxides (NO_x) motor vehicle emissions budgets associated with attainment and maintenance for the Southeast New Hampshire moderate 8-hour ozone nonattainment area. EPA New England has determined these MVEBs to be adequate for transportation conformity purposes.

On June 4, 2008, EPA posted an announcement of availability on EPA's adequacy website,¹ for the motor vehicle emissions budgets included in New Hampshire's May 28, 2008 SIP revision. The SIP revision was made available for public viewing at both the EPA New England Regional Office and at the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. In addition, the SIP revision was made available on the NH DES website.² No comments were received during the 30 day adequacy comment period.

The MVEBs, in tons per summer day (tpsd), are stated in the table below:

Adequate Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets		
	VOC (tons per summer day)	NO _x (tons per summer day)
Year 2009 MVEBs for the Boston-Manchester-Portsmouth (Southeast), New Hampshire; 8-Hour Ozone Area.	15.31	28.53

¹ <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/cursips.htm>

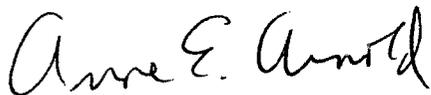
² <http://des.nh.gov/ard/conformity.htm>

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.

Once these budgets become effective, they will simplify future conformity determinations. The new budgets will replace the current method of using the 2002 emissions baseline in a portion of the old Manchester 1-hr nonattainment area, and the old 1-hr ozone budgets in the other portions of the 8-hr nonattainment area.

If you or your staff would like to discuss this further, please contact Donald Cooke of my staff at (617) 918-1668.

Sincerely,



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