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Craig Wright, Assistant Director
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Re: Adequacy Status of Transportation Conformity Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets

Dear Mr. Wright:

By letter dated March 2, 2012, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NH DES) submitted to EPA its State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision to redesignate the Boston-Manchester-Portsmouth (Southeast) New Hampshire 8-hour ozone nonattainment area to attainment. This SIP revision identifies a 2008 Motor Vehicle Emissions Budget (MVEBs) for summer day volatile organic compound (VOC) and nitrogen oxides (NOx) associated with attainment and maintenance for the Southeast New Hampshire moderate 8-hour ozone nonattainment area. In addition, a 2022 out year MVEBs is also identified for the area. EPA New England has determined the 2008 and 2022 MVEBs, which were prepared with EPA's Motor Vehicle Emission Simulator model (MOVES2010), to be adequate for transportation conformity purposes.

On March 5, 2012, EPA posted an announcement of availability on EPA's adequacy website,¹ for the motor vehicle emissions budgets included in New Hampshire's March 2, 2012 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. 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:

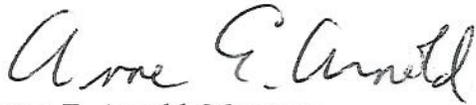
Adequate Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets		
	VOC (tpsd)	NOx (tpsd)
Year 2008 MVEBs for the Boston-Manchester-Portsmouth (Southeast), New Hampshire; 8-Hour Ozone Area.	17.8	37.2
Year 2022 MVEBs for the Boston-Manchester-Portsmouth (Southeast), New Hampshire; 8-Hour Ozone Area	8.9	11.8

¹ <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/currrips.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 allow regional air quality conformity analyses prepared with MOVES2010 to be compared against MOVES2010 motor vehicle emissions budgets in Southeast New Hampshire 8-hour ozone 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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