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Dear Mr. O'Sullivan,

On April 1, 2009, your agency submitted a state implementation plan (SIP) revision for the New Jersey portions of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT (New York) and Philadelphia-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE (Philadelphia) PM_{2.5} nonattainment areas. This SIP revision included an attainment demonstration for 2009 and set 2009 motor vehicle emissions budgets ("budgets") that apply to the metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) in the above nonattainment areas: the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) and the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC).

The transportation conformity rule (40 CFR 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. The submitted budgets are summarized below:

2009 PM_{2.5} Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets (Tons/year)

MPO	PM _{2.5}	NO _x
NJTPA	842	44,321
DVRPC (Mercer County)	105	5,323
DVRPC (Burlington, Camden, and Gloucester Counties)	341	17,319

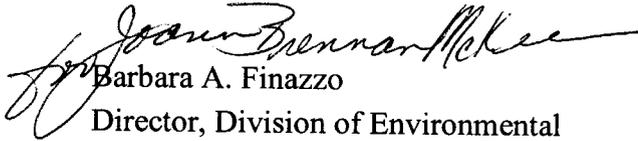
This letter transmits our decision that the motor vehicle emissions budgets contained in the PM_{2.5} SIPs for the New Jersey portions of the New York and Philadelphia nonattainment areas are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. After reviewing the northern and southern New Jersey SIPs, including responses to public comments on those plans, we have preliminarily determined that the submitted budgets for 2009 are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. The adequate 2009 budgets do not replace the previously approved early budgets for either NJTPA (71 FR 38770, July 10, 2006) or the Mercer County portion of DVRPC (73 FR 24868, May

6, 2008). However, since the previously approved budgets were established voluntarily (i.e. not to satisfy a specific Clean Air Act requirement), and the budgets submitted on April 1, 2009, were part of the attainment demonstration, the adequate budgets will co-exist with the previously approved budgets, and the more protective budgets will take precedence in any regional emissions analysis performed by either MPO.

EPA continues to review the submitted attainment demonstrations for SIP approvability for the New York and Philadelphia areas. Nothing in this adequacy finding should be construed as prejudging the eventual outcome of our on-going review of the attainment demonstrations for the areas. A copy of this letter will soon be posted on the Internet at www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/adequacy.htm. We will also announce the adequacy finding in the Federal Register. The finding will become effective 15 days after the Federal Register announcement.

If you have further questions, please feel free to have your staff contact Matt Laurita, of my staff, at (212) 637-3895.

Sincerely,


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