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Robert W. King Jr., P.E.
Deputy Commissioner
Environmental Quality Control
South Carolina Department of Health
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Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. King:

Thank you for the May 10, 2010, supplement to the August 31, 2007, reasonable further progress (RFP) plan submittal portion of the South Carolina bi-state 1997 8-hr ozone area. The bi-state Charlotte 1997 8-hour ozone area is comprised of Charlotte-Gastonia and Rock Hill (York County) South Carolina. The South Carolina portion of the Rock-Hill area is comprised of a portion of York County. This RFP supplement included the required motor vehicle emission budget (MVEB) for volatile organic compounds (VOC) meeting the Clean Air Act requirements for reasonable further progress.

Pursuant to section 93.118(e)(4) of the Transportation Conformity Rule (40 CFR Part 93, Subpart A), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed South Carolina's RFP plan and supplemental information for the MVEB for the York County portion of the Charlotte bi-state area. This MVEB was developed with MOBILE 6.2 emission factor model. We have determined that this MVEB is adequate for transportation conformity purposes.¹

South Carolina's 1997 8-hour ozone RFP for the South Carolina portion of the Charlotte bi-state area has a MVEB for VOC for 2008. This MVEB, presented in the table below, is only for a partial area of York County, South Carolina.

York County, South Carolina 8-hr Ozone VOC MVEB

York County (partial area) MVEB		
	2008	2008
VOC	6.053 tons per day	5,493 kilograms per day

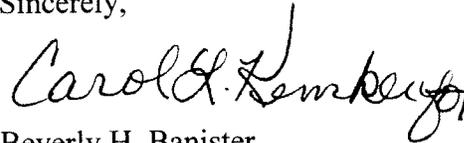
This MVEB meets the standard requirement that any MVEB must meet before it can be used to determine conformity for a transportation improvement program or long range transportation plan. This adequacy finding does not relate to the merits of the state implementation plan submittal nor does it indicate whether the submittal meets the requirements for approval.

¹ On May 2, 2012, the EPA sent a letter regarding adequacy for this MVEB. In the EPA's May 2, 2012, letter, the EPA inadvertently referred to MVEB submitted for other purposes as opposed to the RFP MVEB. This letter corrects that inadvertent error, and replaces EPA's May 2, 2012, letter.

The EPA opened a comment period on the adequacy of the VOC MVEB contained in the original York County, South Carolina RFP plan and supplemental SIP submission by posting it on our website on May 13, 2010 (see <http://epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/adequacy.htm>). The comment period closed on June 14, 2010. Comments were received during the EPA's adequacy comment period from the Southern Environmental Law Center. Responses to these comments will be posted at <http://epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/pastsips.htm>.

More information on SIPs and adequacy reviews is available on the EPA web site. The EPA will soon publish a notice in the Federal Register announcing this adequacy finding. The Federal Register will also announce the date that the adequacy finding becomes effective. The 2008 VOC MVEB will be available for use on the effective date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carol H. Kemper", is written over the typed name "Beverly H. Banister".

Beverly H. Banister
Director
Air, Pesticides, and Toxics
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