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Ms. Candice Garrett  
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Air Quality Planning and Implementation Division  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
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Dear Ms. Garrett:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will announce in the *Federal Register* our determination that the motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEB) contained in the 5% Increment of Progress 8-hour Ozone State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the Dallas-Fort Worth nonattainment area are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. The budgets will become effective 15 days after the *Federal Register* publication date.

On April 27, 2005, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality adopted the 5% Increment of Progress SIP for the Dallas-Fort Worth 8-hour ozone nonattainment area. This SIP serves as a transitional SIP between the 1-hour and 8-hour ozone air quality standards as described at 40 CFR 51.905(a)(ii)(B). The SIP submittal contains MVEBs for the year 2007. The MVEB for nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) is 201.32 tons per day; the MVEB for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) is 104.14 tons per day.

EPA is required to make an affirmative determination that the MVEBs are consistent with the SIP control strategy, and we have followed the procedure for doing so per 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4). The availability of this SIP revision was posted on EPA's website for the purpose of soliciting public comments. The MVEBs were made available for public review on January 20, 2005. During the review process, a technical error was discovered and the budgets were subsequently revised. Availability of corrected budgets was posted on EPA's website on April 13, 2005. We received no comment by the close of the comment period on May 12, 2005. We have determined the budgets submitted in this SIP revision are adequate for transportation conformity purposes and they must be used in future transportation conformity determinations. We will be posting our determination on EPA's website in addition to announcing it in the *Federal Register*.

If you have any questions concerning this action, please contact me at (214) 665-7200 or Peggy Wade of my staff at (214) 665-7247.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Becky Wade".

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