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Dear Mr. Massey and Mr. Smith:

This is to inform you that EPA is withdrawing its May 30, 2008 adequacy finding on the 2010 particulate matter of ten microns or less (PM-10) motor vehicle emission budget for the Maricopa County (Phoenix) Nonattainment Area because you have withdrawn the state implementation plan (SIP) submission containing that budget. Our withdrawal of the adequacy finding means that effective today the previously adequate 2010 PM-10 motor vehicle emission budget is no longer available for transportation conformity purposes. Until a new PM-10 SIP is submitted and the motor vehicle emissions budgets in that SIP is found adequate or is approved, conformity determinations must be made using the budget of 59.7 metric tons per day from the Serious Area Plan for PM-10 for the Maricopa County Nonattainment Area which was approved by EPA on July 25, 2002 (67 FR 48718).

In a letter dated January 25, 2011, you formally withdrew the MAG 2007 Five Percent Plan for the Maricopa County Nonattainment Area. This now withdrawn SIP submission had included a PM-10 mobile vehicle emissions budget for 2010. In a letter dated May 30, 2008 we informed ADEQ of our finding that the budget was adequate for transportation conformity purposes. This adequacy determination was announced in the Federal Register on June 16, 2008 (73 FR 34013), effective on July 1, 2008.

It is important to note that while EPA had made an adequacy finding for this budget, it was never approved as SIP revision by EPA. Hence, there is no SIP rulemaking required to be withdrawn by EPA for these budgets. We will be posting this letter on EPA's website at, <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/index.htm> and we will also announce today's action on the withdrawn budgets in the Federal Register. We anticipate

that the announcement will be published shortly. As stated above, the withdrawal of the adequacy finding is effective today based on EPA's transportation conformity regulation at 40 CFR 93.118(f)(1)(vi).

If you or your staff have any questions please feel free to contact Colleen McKaughan at (520) 498-0118.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deborah Jordan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Deborah" and last name "Jordan" clearly distinguishable.

Deborah Jordan, Director
Air Division