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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Gail Good, Director
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Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
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Dear Ms. Good:

On April 17, 2017, the State of Wisconsin submitted an attainment demonstration for the 2008 8-hour ozone Kenosha nonattainment area. This plan included Mobile Vehicle Emissions Budgets (MVEBs) for volatile organic compounds (VOC) and oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) for the years 2017 and 2018. Pursuant to Section 93.118(e)(4) of the Transportation Conformity Rule (40 C.F.R. Part 93, Subpart A), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the MVEBs for adequacy.

The conformity rule spells out limited technical and administrative criteria that are used to determine adequacy of submitted MVEBs for transportation conformity purposes. We have determined that the MVEBs for the Kenosha nonattainment area are adequate. A comment period on the MVEBs adequacy was held, via a posting to EPA's web site, from August 1-31. No comments were received. This adequacy finding means that the submitted MVEBs for VOC and NO_x for the 2008 8-hour ozone Kenosha nonattainment area can be used to determine conformity for a transportation improvement program or long-range transportation plan.

Please note that this adequacy finding does not relate to the merits of the State Implementation Plan (SIP) submittal, nor does it indicate whether the submittal meets the requirements for approval. It is completely separate from the EPA's subsequent rulemaking action on the attainment demonstration submittal, and should not be used to prejudice the EPA's approval or disapproval of that SIP revision.

The EPA will announce the adequacy determination in the Federal Register. The adequacy determination will become effective 15 days after publication. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Leslie, of my staff, at 312-353-6680.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Mooney". To the right of the signature, the initials "For JM" are written.

John Mooney
Chief
Air Programs Branch