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Dear Mr. O'Sullivan,

On October 29, 2007, 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-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-MD-DE (Philadelphia) 8-hour ozone nonattainment areas. This SIP revision included a reasonable further progress demonstration for 2008 and attainment demonstration for 2009, and set new 2008 and 2009 motor vehicle emissions budgets ("budgets") which apply to the metropolitan planning organizations in the above nonattainment areas: the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), and the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization (SJTPO).

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. These budgets are summarized below:

8-Hour Ozone Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets (Tons/day)

	2008		**2009**	
	NO_X	**VOC**	**NO_X**	**VOC**
New York (Northern New Jersey) Nonattainment Area				
NJTPA (excluding Ocean County)	143.60	85.35	133.39	79.00
Philadelphia (Southern New Jersey) Nonattainment Area				
NJTPA (Ocean County only)	8.69	6.93	12.65	6.45
DVRPC	69.67	27.75	63.66	25.98
SJTPO	32.93	14.14	29.64	13.04

This letter transmits our decision that the motor vehicle emissions budgets contained in the 8-hour ozone 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 2008 and 2009 are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. The submitted budgets for 2008 are consistent with the required rate of progress plans for the New York and Philadelphia areas. With regard to the submitted budgets for 2009, we have determined that these budgets are adequate for transportation conformity purposes because they provide for continued progress toward attainment of the 8-hour ozone standard. These budgets serve to strengthen the SIP through continued progress towards attainment and ensure that motor vehicle emissions remain consistent with the emissions levels provided for in the SIP. 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 http://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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