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Honorable John Hughes, Secretary
Delaware Department of Natural Resources
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Dear Secretary Hughes:

On June 12, 2007, the State of Delaware submitted a proposed State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision entitled "Delaware State Implementation Plan for Attainment of the 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard Reasonable Further Progress and Attainment". This SIP revision submittal contained proposed motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEBs) for 2008 and 2009.

On March 21, 2008, we posted the availability of these budgets for the Delaware Portion of the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area on EPA's conformity website for the purpose of soliciting public comment. The comment period closed on April 21, 2008. We received no comments on the proposed MVEBs.

We have reviewed the MVEBs in the proposed SIP revision in accordance with the procedures and criteria for review in the following sections of the Conformity Rule: 40 CFR Part 93, Sections 93.118(e)(4)(i) through (e)(4)(vi) and Section 93.118(e)(5). This letter transmits our decision that the 2008 MVEBs contained in the SIP revision are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. EPA's adequacy determination does not address the MVEBs contained in the 2009 attainment demonstration.

The 2008 MVEBs are consistent with the required rate of progress plan for the Delaware Portion of the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment area. These MVEBs 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. 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.

The Technical Support Document (TSD) entitled, "Adequacy Findings for the Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets in the 2008 Reasonable Further Progress Plan for the Delaware Portion of the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area" is an enclosure to this letter. This TSD details our review of the budgets.

If you or your staff have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Carol Febbo, Chief, Energy, Radiation and Indoor Environment Branch at (215) 814-2704 or Mr. Martin Kotsch at 215-814-3335.

Sincerely,

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