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Dear Mr. Mahfood and Mr. Hammerschmidt:

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 (EPA) has reviewed the revised Kansas City ozone maintenance plan dated December 2002.

The conformity rule spells out limited technical and administrative criteria that is used to determine adequacy of submitted State Implementation Plan (SIP) budgets for transportation conformity purposes. The mobile source emission budgets are for volatile organic compounds (VOC) and oxides of nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>) for the 2012 maintenance year. We have determined that the mobile source emission budgets from the Kansas City ozone maintenance plan are adequate.

This adequacy finding means that the submitted motor vehicle emissions budgets for VOC and NO<sub>x</sub> for the Kansas City area meet the standard requirements that any budget must meet before it can be used to determine conformity for a transportation improvement plan or long-range transportation plan. This adequacy finding does not relate to the merits of the SIP submittal, nor does it indicate whether the submittal meets the EPA's requirements for approval.

The EPA opened a comment period on the motor source vehicle emissions budget adequacy by posting the budgets to the EPA web site on January 30, 2003. The web address is [www.epa.gov/oms/transp/conform/adequacy.htm](http://www.epa.gov/oms/transp/conform/adequacy.htm). The comment period closed on March 3, 2003, and no comments were received. In addition, the EPA is reviewing the Kansas City ozone maintenance plan and comments received on the proposed approval of the maintenance plan. The EPA has determined that the comments were not pertinent to the adequacy of the Kansas City submitted mobile source vehicle emissions budgets.

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More information on SIPs and adequacy reviews is also available on the EPA web site. The EPA will soon publish a notice in the Federal Register announcing this adequacy finding. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Heather Hamilton of my staff at (913) 551-7039.

Sincerely,

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(each addressee received original letter)

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