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B. Keith Overcash, Director
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Dear Mr. Overcash:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has reviewed the Charlotte, Raleigh/Durham, and Winston-Salem carbon monoxide maintenance plans formally submitted on March 23, 2005, to determine the adequacy of the motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEB), pursuant to section 93.118(e)(4) of the Transportation Conformity Rule (40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 93, Subpart A).

The Transportation Conformity Rule identifies limited technical and administrative criteria that must be used in determining adequacy of a submitted State Implementation Plan (SIP) MVEB for transportation conformity purposes. We have determined that the Charlotte, Raleigh/Durham, and Winston-Salem carbon monoxide maintenance plans contain adequate MVEBs.

The Charlotte, Raleigh/Durham, and Winston-Salem carbon monoxide maintenance plans have MVEBs for carbon monoxide (CO) for the year 2015. These maintenance plans are updates to the previously submitted carbon monoxide maintenance plans for the Charlotte, Raleigh/Durham, and Winston-Salem areas.

This letter finds adequate the submitted MVEBs for the Charlotte, Raleigh/Durham, and Winston-Salem carbon monoxide maintenance areas. For the Raleigh/Durham area the MVEBs have been allocated to subareas by county (see Enclosure). These MVEBs have met the standard requirements that any MVEB must meet before it can be used to determine conformity for a transportation improvement program 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 requirements for approval.

The USEPA opened a comment period on the adequacy of the MVEBs contained in the Charlotte, Raleigh/Durham, and Winston-Salem carbon monoxide maintenance plans by posting it to our web site on March 29, 2005. The web address is www.epa.gov/otaq/transp/conform/adequacy.htm. The comment period closed on April 28, 2005. No comments were received.

More information on SIPs and adequacy reviews is available on the USEPA web site. It is expected that the USEPA will soon publish a notice in the Federal Register announcing this adequacy finding. The Federal Register will also announce the date that the adequacy finding becomes effective. The 2015 MVEBs will be available for use on the effective date. If you have questions, please feel free to call me or Matt Laurita of the Region 4 USEPA staff at (404) 562-9044.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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CHARLOTTE AREA MVEB

[tons per day]

County	Pollutant	2015
Mecklenburg	CO	470.18

RALEIGH/DURHAM AREA MVEB

[tons per day]

County	Pollutant	2015
Durham	CO	177.22
Wake	CO	384.27

WINSTON-SALEM AREA MVEB

[tons per day]

County	Pollutant	2015
Forsyth	CO	247.64