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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

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Janet G. McCabe, Assistant Commissioner
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Dear Ms.  McCabe:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has reviewed Indiana's submittal of the Louisville (which includes Clark and Floyd Counties, Indiana) 1-Hour Ozone Maintenance Plan submitted for parallel processing on May 13, 2003, and in final on June 26, 2003, to determine the adequacy of the mobile source emission 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 submitted State Implementation Plan (SIP) MVEB for transportation conformity purposes. We have determined that the Louisville 1-Hour Ozone Maintenance Plan contains adequate MVEB for the Louisville maintenance area. Our office has worked in close coordination with Region 4 USEPA which has reviewed the adequacy of the MVEB for the Kentucky portion of the Louisville area. In a separate letter, Region 4 USEPA will provide their determination for the MVEB for the Kentucky portion of the Louisville 1-hour ozone maintenance area.

The Louisville (which includes Clark and Floyd Counties, Indiana) 1-Hour Ozone Maintenance Plan has MVEB for both volatile organic compounds (VOC) and nitrogen oxides (NOx) for the year 2012. This maintenance plan is a revision and update to the previously submitted 1-hour ozone maintenance plan for the Louisville area. These adequate MVEB replace the MVEB in the previous submittal, in accordance with the January 18, 2002, EPA guidance entitled *Policy Guidance on the Use of MOBILE6 for SIP Development and Transportation Conformity*. This guidance

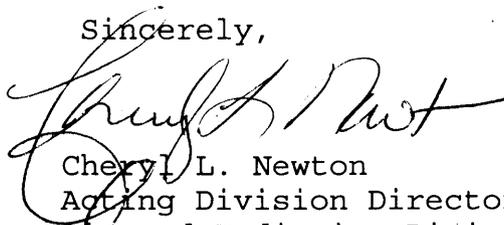
Development and Transportation Conformity. This guidance explains that areas that opted to take credit for Tier 2 standards in the development of MOBILE5-based MVEB, must update these MVEB within two years of the release of the MOBILE6 emissions model. Further, this guidance explains that once the updated MOBILE6-based MVEB are found adequate, they are to be used for the purpose of transportation conformity in place of the interim MOBILE5-based MVEB with Tier 2 credits incorporated.

This letter finds adequate the submitted 2012 MVEB for VOC of 47.28 tons per day (tpd) and for NOx 111.13 tpd for the entire Louisville 1-hour ozone maintenance area. These MVEB 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 submittals nor does it indicate whether the submittals meet the USEPA's requirements for approval of a maintenance plan.

The USEPA opened a comment period on Indiana's submittal of the Louisville 1-Hour Ozone Maintenance Plan for adequacy by posting it to our web site on May 15, 2003. The web address is www.epa.gov/oms/transp/conform/adequacy.htm. The comment period closed on June 16, 2003. In addition, the Region 5 USEPA reviewed all the comments made to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management on the Louisville 1-Hour Maintenance Plan during the State public comment period.

More information on SIPs and adequacy reviews is also 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. If you have questions, please feel free to call Patricia Morris of the Region 5 USEPA staff at (312) 353-8656.

Sincerely,



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