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James Goldstene  
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Re: Adequacy Status of 8-hour Ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets in  
2007 South Coast State Implementation Plan

Dear Mr. Goldstene:

We have found adequate for transportation conformity purposes certain 8-hour ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> motor vehicle emissions budgets in the 2007 South Coast State Implementation Plan (2007 South Coast SIP). As a result of our adequacy finding, the Southern California Association of Governments and the U.S. Department of Transportation must use these budgets in future transportation conformity determinations once the findings become effective.

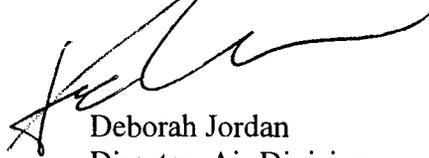
The California Air Resources Board (CARB), through its April 30, 2008 submittal, replaced the original set of motor vehicle emissions budgets in the 2007 South Coast SIP with two sets of motor vehicle emissions budgets, referred to as "SIP-based" budgets and "baseline" budgets.

We have found the 8-hour ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> "baseline" motor vehicle emissions budgets in the 2007 South Coast SIP adequate for transportation conformity purposes. In addition, we have found the 8-hour ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> "SIP-based" motor vehicle emissions budgets in the 2007 South Coast SIP inadequate for transportation conformity purposes. Please refer to the enclosure for the regulatory reasoning behind our findings. We will work with you and your staff to resolve these issues to enable us to approve "SIP-based" budgets in the future.

A copy of this letter and its enclosures will soon be posted at:  
<http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/adequacy.htm>. We will also announce the findings of adequacy and inadequacy in the Federal Register. The findings will become effective 15 days after the Federal Register notice is published.

If you have any questions regarding these adequacy findings, please call me or Matt Haber at (415) 947-4154.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deborah Jordan', written over a horizontal line.

Deborah Jordan  
Director, Air Division

Enclosures

cc: Hasan Ikhata, SCAG  
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