

May 21, 2004

Ms. Catherine Witherspoon  
Executive Officer  
California Air Resources Board  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, California 95812

Dear Ms. Witherspoon:

We have found adequate for transportation conformity purposes the motor vehicle emission budgets in the Ventura County 2004 Air Quality Management Plan Revision (2004 Revision) for the 1-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). As a result of our adequacy findings, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and the Federal Highway Administration must use these budgets in future conformity analyses once the findings become effective.

On April 21, 2004, the Air Resources Board submitted the 2004 Revision to EPA. The plan identifies regional motor vehicle emission budgets for 2005. The specific budgets are shown in the first enclosure to this letter. In a parallel process, we announced receipt of the draft plan on the Internet and requested public comment by May 20, 2004. We received no comments during the comment period, and the draft 2004 Revision was adopted and submitted without modification.

This letter transmits our decision that the motor vehicle emissions budgets in the 2004 Revision are adequate for transportation conformity decisions. After reviewing the 2004 Revision, we have preliminarily determined that it provides for progress and attainment of the 1-hour ozone NAAQS in Ventura County. We have detailed our adequacy findings in the enclosures. A copy of this letter and its enclosures will soon be posted on the Internet at:

<http://www.epa.gov/oms/transp/conform/pastsips.htm>.

We will also announce the adequacy findings in the Federal Register. The findings will become effective 15 days after the Federal Register announcement.

If you have any questions regarding these adequacy findings, please contact Dave Jesson at (415) 972-3957.

Sincerely,

[signed by Matt Haber for]

Deborah Jordan  
Director, Air Division

Enclosures (2)

cc: Bob O'Loughlin, FHWA  
Sandra Balmar, FHWA  
Sue Kiser, FHWA  
Leslie Rogers, FTA  
Sharon Scherzinger, Caltrans  
Michael Villegas, Ventura County APCD  
Charles Keynejad, SCAG

**Enclosure 1****Ventura County 2004 Air Quality Management Plan Revision  
1-Hour Ozone Attainment Plan  
Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets**

<b>1-HOUR OZONE BUDGETS (SUMMER PLANNING INVENTORY, TONS PER DAY)</b>	
Year	2005
Volative Organic Compounds <sup>1</sup>	14.3
Nitrogen Oxides	21.4
1 The SIP uses the California terminology "ROG" or "Reactive Organic Gases," which is equivalent to the federal terminology "VOC."	

## Enclosure 2

## Transportation Conformity Adequacy Review

## 2004 Southeast Desert 1-Hour Rate of Progress and Attainment Plan

Adopted April 13, 2004, and Submitted April 21, 2004

TRANSPORTATION REVIEW CRITERIA		IS CRITERION SATISFIED?	REFERENCE IN SIP DOCUMENT/COMMENTS
Sec. 93.118(e)(4)(i)	The plan was endorsed by the Governor (or designee) and was subject to a public hearing by the State.	Y	The April 21, 2004, transmittal letter submitting the plan was sent by ARB's Executive Officer, Catherine Witherspoon, the governor's designee. Documentation accompanying the submittal describes the local level public adoption hearing and the State adoption by means of ARB Executive Order G-125-321.
Sec. 93.118(e)(4)(ii)	The plan was developed through consultation with federal, state and local agencies; full implementation plan documentation was provided to EPA and EPA's stated concerns, if any, were addressed.	Y	Documentation accompanying the 2004 Revision describes the public and agency outreach effort. See Attachment D (4/13/04 Memo from Michael Villegas to Air Pollution Control Board); Attachment 8 (Written Public Comments Received); and Completeness Checklists. EPA received a copy of the draft plan and EPA's comments were addressed.
Sec. 93.118(e)(4)(iii)	The motor vehicle emission budgets are clearly identified and precisely quantified.	Y	The motor vehicle budgets are clearly identified and precisely quantified. See: (1) Table 2; and (2) ARB Enclosure III.

TRANSPORTATION REVIEW CRITERIA		IS CRITERION SATISFIED?	REFERENCE IN SIP DOCUMENT/COMMENTS
Sec. 93.118(e)(4)(iv)	The motor vehicle emissions budgets, when considered together with all other emission sources, are consistent with applicable requirements for reasonable further progress, attainment, or maintenance (whichever is relevant to the given plan).	Y	EPA has preliminarily concluded that the submitted SIP demonstrates attainment by the 2005 deadline, and that the MVEBs are consistent with the demonstration.
Sec. 93.118(e)(4)(v)	The plan shows a clear relationship between the emissions budgets, control measures and the total emissions inventory	Y	The emission inventories for 2005 are presented in the 2004 Revision: (1) Appendix O; (2) ARB Enclosure III (elaboration on assumptions in motor vehicle emissions inventory). The consistency between the MVEBs and the attainment demonstration is shown in the 2004 Revision, Sections 3 and 4. The State and local control measures are set out in Appendix A. Budgets are calculated as motor vehicle emissions inventory minus reductions from control measures (I/M improvements), as shown in Enclosure III.

TRANSPORTATION REVIEW CRITERIA		IS CRITERION SATISFIED?	REFERENCE IN SIP DOCUMENT/COMMENTS
Sec. 93.118(e)(4)(vi)	Revisions to previously submitted control strategy or maintenance plans explain and document any changes to any previous submitted budgets and control measures; impacts on point and area source emissions; any changes to established safety margins (see 93.101 for definition), and reasons for the changes (including the basis for any changes to emission factors or estimates of vehicle miles traveled).	Y	The previously approved attainment plan and 2005 attainment budgets for Ventura County were adopted on 12/19/95, and were approved on 1/8/97 (62 FR 1150). The reasons for the changes to the budgets and the attainment demonstration are set forth in the 2004 Revision. These reasons include shifting from EMFAC7F to EMFAC2002, and updating planning assumptions.
Sec. 93.118(e)(5)	EPA has reviewed the State's compilation of public comments and response to comments that are required to be submitted with any implementation plan.	Y	Ventura held an adoption hearing before the APCD Board on 4/13/04, and ARB adopted the plan by executive order on 4/21/04. Comments appear in Attachment 8. Since the comments were supportive of plan adoption, no response is required.
Reviewer: Dave Jesson		Date of Review: 5/21/04	